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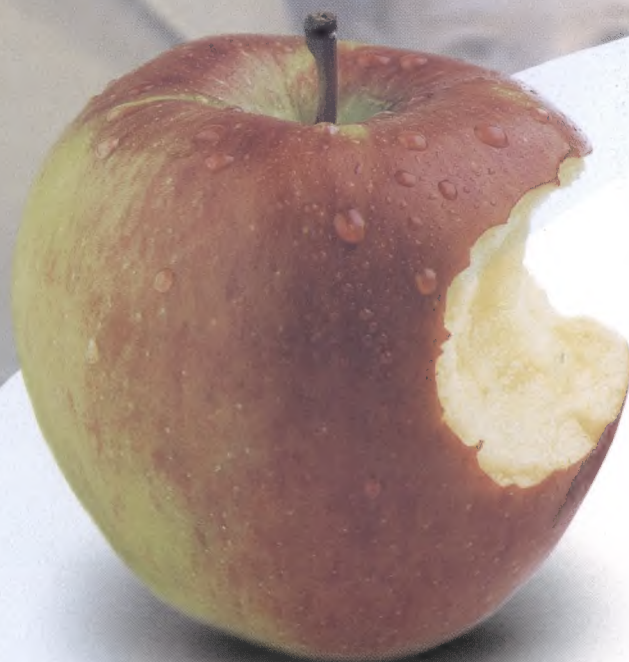
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It's been an extraordinarily busy autumn here at the University, filled with alumni reunions, a campaign launch, and a presidential appointment.

The Myer Horowitz Theatre was overflowing with guests for the Alumni Recognition Awards on Thursday, 30 September; great weather arrived in time for the Western Roundup Barbecue and the opening of Alumni Walk on Friday; and the Northlands Agricom was beautifully transformed for the Gala Dinner and Dance on Saturday. Look for photographs from Reunion Weekend in "Scrapbook."

Just one month later, the University launched Campaign 2008. With a goal of raising \$310 million by the U of A's centennial year, it is the most ambitious fundraising campaign in Alberta's history.

As you would have seen from the cover, this issue of *New Trail* contains a special feature insert about the campaign. It gives an overview of the campaign's fundraising goals and priority areas, which fall under three main themes—learning, teaching, and growth. Support for the many different faculty priorities of the campaign will ensure the University of Alberta's continued excellence.

More than \$200 million has already been raised towards the campaign goal. Over the next four years, *New Trail* will bring you campaign updates and highlights as the University moves closer to reaching, and hopefully exceeding, the \$310-million target.

Just three days after the campaign launch, Indira Samarasekera, the current vice-president of research at the University of British Columbia, was named as the University of Alberta's president-designate. She will take over from President Rod Fraser next July, when his second term of office concludes.

At the news conference, Samarasekera praised President Fraser for what he has accomplished in positioning the U of A as one of the greatest universities in Canada. She said it was an easy decision to accept the offer to lead an institution that she believes has such a bright future, and she has a bold vision to transform the U of A into a world-renowned centre of learning and research.

Roland Lines
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Edmontonians

The Autumn 2004 tribute to the "top Edmontonians" made me realize how very lucky I was to have had several of them in my life in very meaningful ways.

Elsie Park Gowan brought literature to life in her English class at Ross Sheppard Composite High School. Mel Hurtig sold me my first complete works of Shakespeare in his small bookstore on 100A Street. In his illuminating course on Shakespeare, John Orrell indulged me and accepted a stage design for King Lear instead of an essay on the play. Walter Kaasa's Studio Theatre performances (Galileo, Shylock, Volpone) moved both the audiences and those of us working on the productions. Joe Shoctor offered me one of my first amateur stage design assignments and years later brought me back to Edmonton as Resident Designer at the new professional Citadel Theatre, where Sandy Mactaggart was also a force in moving the cultural life of the city forward. I had the joy of working with Ruth Carse and her fledgling Alberta Ballet. Tommy Banks and I enjoyed many creative collaborations, including the Royal Gala Performance during the 1978 Commonwealth Games, shortly before I moved from Edmonton.

We don't often stop and think of the people who have made an impact on our lives. Your article on these and other

"top Edmontonians" has made me realize how very lucky I was to be in the right place at the right time.

Phillip Silver, '64 BA

Toronto, Ontario

22 September 2004

Kudos for Carrie

Thanks for everything to do with the articles on Carrie Thiel and me. I very much appreciate that she is recognized for her tremendous strides in this line of work.

Many people have seen the articles, and the response has been very positive!

J. P. Fournier

Calgary, Alberta

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E.A. Corbett

More praise for Edmontonians

I always enjoy reading issues of the New Trail and see how much has changed since I graduated in 1936! However there are two points I would like to mention from the Autumn 2004 issue.

It was interesting reading the list of Century of Champions—many of the early ones I recognized. With regard to Dr. Tory, you did not do him justice.

In 1935 I was working in the summer (for nothing—the Depression) as an undergraduate in the National Research

Council in Ottawa. Dr. Tory's seven-year term was up and he should have been re-appointed for another seven years. However, R. B. Bennet was prime minister. He had never forgiven Dr. Tory for establishing the University of Alberta at Edmonton instead of his home city of Calgary. He appointed General McNaughton!

One person who was not mentioned who played a significant part was E. A. Corbett. He was director of Extension and made a great contribution to rural life in his talks and showing of films. I remember looking forward to his visits so much (we lived on a farm south of Edgerton, east of Wainwright). He established the Banff School of Fine Arts, which has certainly been a "feather in Alberta's cap" and then went on to be director of the Canadian Adult Education Association.

On a personal note, I was Dr., later Dean of Agriculture, A. G. McCalla's first graduate student for a master's in 1938 (no PhD yet at U of A).

Another personal note—there is a mountain in the Beaufort range on Vancouver Island named after my father, Henry Spencer. Years ago we built a cairn on it and placed my parents ashes in it.

Amongst his numerous public

activities was a member of the U of A Senate, Sec. Treas. of the Canadian School Trustees Assn., member of parliament from 1921 to 1934, municipal councillor, etc.

I was glad to see Ray Lemieux in the list. I treasure a letter I received from him a month before he died. And what an American chemistry

professor told me a few years ago when I asked him if the name "Ray Lemieux" rang a bell. He replied that Ray should have received a Nobel prize for his outstanding contributions!

*Elvins Y. Spencer,
'36 BSc, '38 MSc
London, Ontario
29 September 2004*



Richard Eaton

Corrections

In the feature story about the U of A connections on the City of Edmonton's list of the 100 "Edmontonians of the Century" (Autumn 2004, p. 12), we inexcusably omitted Richard Eaton, who dominated the music scene in post-war Edmonton for two decades. Eaton was the founder of the Richard Eaton Singers and conducted the U of A Mixed Chorus for 21 years.

In the story about University of Alberta alumni and athletes involved in the Athens 2004 Summer Olympics (Autumn 2004, p. 36), **Panagiotis Papanikolas**, '90 MSc, was incorrectly identified as the construction manager for the Rion-Antirion Bridge project. He was the technical manager.

We would like to hear your comments about the magazine. Send us your letters via postal mail or e-mail to the address on the previous page. The letters may be edited for length or clarity.



bear country

Profs honoured for teaching excellence

At the annual Celebration of Teaching and Learning in September, the University recognized the hard work and dedication of its teachers and students. Among those honoured were faculty members Mick Price, who received the University Cup, and **Randy Currah**, '79 MSc, '84 PhD, who earned the Vargo Distinguished Teaching Chair.

After 30 years of inspiring students at the U of A, Price earned the top honour the U of A confers on its faculty members.

A past winner of other prestigious teaching honours, including a national 3M Teaching Fellowship and a U of A Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Price was nevertheless surprised to be awarded the University Cup. "It's a tremendous honour—they don't give this to ordinary folks. I'm just blown away," said Price, a professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Nutritional Science.

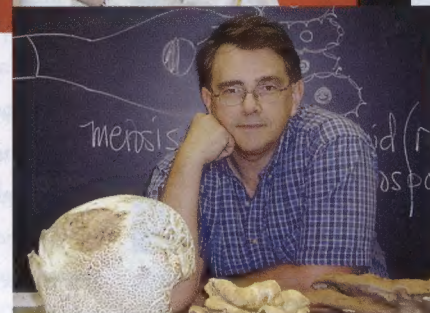
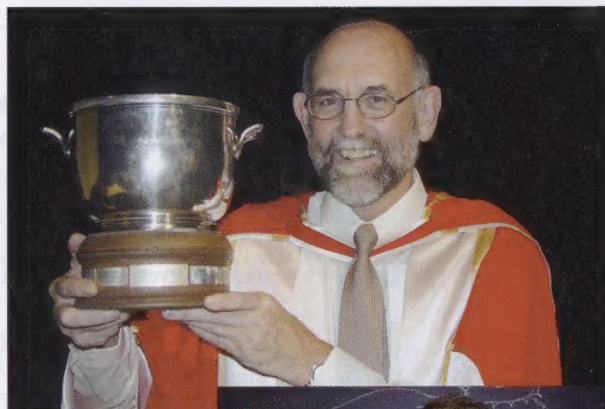
Price completed a graduate program at the University of New England in Australia before coming to the U of A

to do a year of post-doctoral work. "I had every intention of going back, but I came to do my post-doctoral research at the U of A, and at the end of the year here they made me the proverbial offer I couldn't refuse, and I've been here ever since."

Price estimates he has taught and supervised more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and he says they form something of an extended family to him. But for all the lives he has enriched at the U of A, Price says he is the most grateful one, for having been here.

"It's been such a joy for me to come to work every day. I've often said that I can't believe they pay me to do this, and I really mean it. Of course, you need money to pay the mortgage and such, but, honestly, I'd have happily done it for free."

Currah, a professor of biological sciences who sees teaching as an integral part of his university life, is known for his ability to learn each student's name, whether in a graduate class of 10 or an



Mick Price (top) and Randy Currah

undergraduate class of 200. "I find it easier to break up a large class into individuals; it makes it easier to teach," says Currah. "Plus, they seem to pay more attention when they think I might call on them by name."

Currah has previously received the Faculty of Science Award for Excellent Teaching, a Killam Annual Professorship, and a Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. The Vargo Distinguished Teaching Chair honours U of A professors who combine excellence and a passion for teaching with an established record of substantive research.

—Ryan Smith and Julie Naylor, '95 BA

University announces \$24-million agri-food research centre

At a sod-turning ceremony on 18 October the University announced the construction of the \$24 million Agri-Food Discovery Place (AFDP), slated to open in the fall of 2005.

Representatives from the provincial and federal governments, private industry and the U of A Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science were on hand to celebrate the future building. AFDP will be home to world-class innovative research, training and technology transfer, with a focus on food safety and value-added processing of food and industrial products.

"We see Agri-Food Discovery Place as the essential plank of innovation and discovery that's going to drive a lot of new technologies, a lot of new research ideas on the

crop side and on the meat safety side," said **John Kennelly**, '80 PhD, dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics.

Jim Fleury, acting assistant deputy minister (Alberta) for Western Economic Diversification—one of AFDP's major funders—noted that "Agri-Food Discovery Place will help us create new processes for enhancing food safety, and it will also help us develop new technology to meet industry and consumer demands."

Alberta Agriculture Minister Shirley McClellan said the research done at AFDP will help Alberta maintain its position as a major centre of agri-business.

—Scott Lingley, '92 BA

U of A launches largest fundraising campaign ever

The University of Alberta launched the biggest fundraising campaign in its history on 2 November, announcing an overall target of \$310 million.

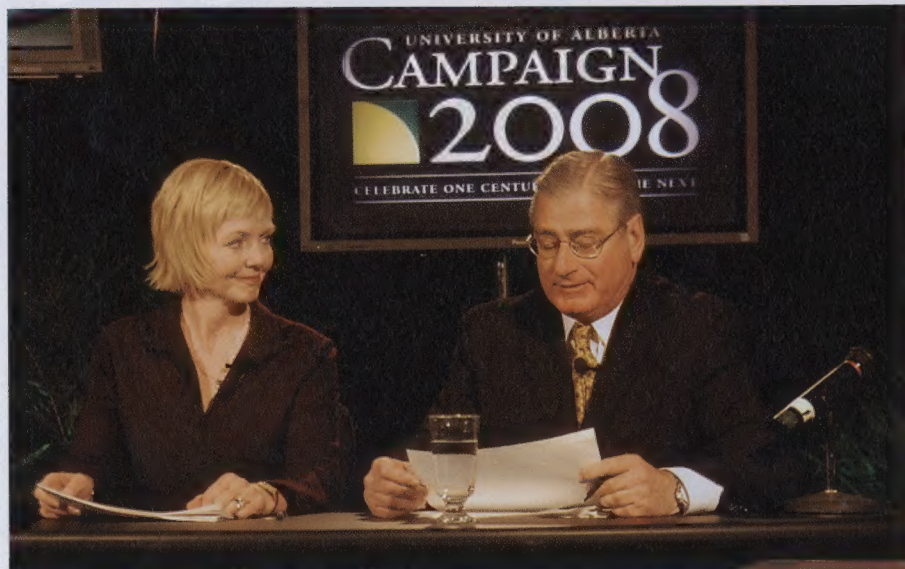
Now halfway through the campaign, the University has already raised more than \$200 million in donations from 39,000 alumni, friends, and corporations. With the theme "Celebrate One Century—Build the Next," the eight-year campaign will come to a close on the University's centennial in 2008.

"This is a fundraising initiative that will solidify the academic mission of the University," said Board of Governors Chair **Jim Edwards**, '62 BA, who co-anchored the news broadcast-style launch at the Saville Sports Centre along with Vice-President (External Relations) **Susan Green**, '74 BA(RecAdmin).

More than \$8 million in gifts were announced at the event. Hong Kong-based businessman **Charles Chan**, '79 BSc(Eng), '97 LLD (Honorary), donated \$6 million for international student scholarships, RBC Financial Group provided \$1.5 million for the U of A's School of Business, and campaign co-chair **Robert MacLean**, '75 BCom, and his wife, **Maryanne MacLean**, '75 BED, made a donation of \$1 million to the School of Business.

"We believe that if Canada is to compete with other countries for talent, investment, and economic growth, we simply must invest in intellectual capital and provide an environment for business to prosper," said RBC's president and CEO, Gordon Nixon.

The campaign, the second largest ever at a Canadian university, focuses on three areas: outstanding students, with \$105 million devoted to increasing and strengthening scholarships, awards, and bursary programs; outstanding faculty, with \$90 million for



U of A Vice-President (External Relations) Susan Green and Board of Governors Chair Jim Edwards launch Campaign 2008.

teaching and research activities, including hiring more professors and establishing innovative research centres; and outstanding vision and growth, with \$115 million for facilities, increasing student capacity, and implementing new technologies for classrooms and research labs.

"Putting money into the hands of students who otherwise might not have it, thereby opening a door to lifelong learning, is very important," said professor emeritus **Gerry Glassford**, '64 MA, representing the internal drive by faculty and staff to raise \$2.4 million.

"We're doubling our knowledge base every six years, and if we don't have children, youth, and mature adults accessing that new knowledge, we can't begin to build a country as strong as the one we live in today."

The entire U of A internal community, including students, faculty, staff, and members of its governing bodies, has raised more than \$13 million.

"The quality of the education we're getting is a huge issue," said

Alexis Pepin, '03 BA, president of the Graduate Students' Association. "This campaign is fabulous in that it will target new capital projects, providing the space and research equipment that students need to really get that education.

"The fact that we're putting our own money into this campaign really says a lot."

Leading the campaign are five co-chairs: Tim Hearn, chairman, president, and CEO of Imperial Oil Ltd.; **David McLean**, '59 BA, '62 LLB, '94 LLD (Honorary), chairman of CN, Vancouver; **Robert MacLean**, '75 BCom, president of RJM Corp., Edmonton; **Nizar Somji**, '85 MEng, president and CEO of Matrikon Inc.; and **James Stanford**, '60 BSc(Eng), '00 LLD (Honorary), president of Stanford Resource Management Inc., Calgary.

"Supporting the fundraising effort at the U of A will give [Alberta] a competitive advantage globally, since it's recognized as one of the finest institutions in the world," said Somji.

— *Geoff McMaster*

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■ Paul Armstrong, a professor of medicine and senior cardiologist at the University Hospital, has been awarded the Prix Galien Canada award of excellence for his outstanding contributions to Canadian pharmaceutical research.

Armstrong is well-known for his trials of new drugs to treat heart attacks and for developing the latest standards and guidelines for the care of heart attack patients and people who suffer from congestive heart failure.

■ A new research centre at the U of A will investigate diseases such as Alzheimer's and Mad Cow Disease. Sixteen U of A researchers with a combined total of \$41 million in current research funds have formed the Alberta Centre for Prions and Protein Folding Diseases. Prions are related to misfolding of proteins, an event related to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Syndrome, and Chronic Wasting Disease.

The centre's researchers, including seven Canada Research Chairs, come from diverse backgrounds. Richard Rachubinski of the Department of Cell Biology has been named director of the centre.

■ Four U of A faculty members are receiving financial support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation's New Opportunities Fund for their research.



Maya Evenden

A total of \$425,962 in funding will be distributed to Maya Evenden (Biological Sciences), Tsuyoshi Ono (East Asian Studies), and two Chemistry professors—Todd Lowary and Alexander Brown.

■ Five Canadians with ties to the University of Alberta were recently named to the Order of Canada. New Officers of the Order of Canada are: **Delwyn George Fredlund**, '64MEng, '73 PhD, notable for his contributions to geotechnical engineering in Canada; Philip Francis Halloran, a professor in the U of A Department of Medicine and the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, a Canada Research Chair in Medicine (transplant immunology) and director of the Alberta Transplant Institute; **Robert P. Kroetsch**, '48 BA, '97 DLitt (Honorary), author of several acclaimed novels, collections of poetry and non-fiction books; and **Matthew W. Spence**, '59 MD, a pediatric researcher and educator who served as president and chief executive officer of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. Being named a Member of the Order of Canada is **Kenneth Fyke**, '71 MHSA, who has provided innovative leadership in the fields of health policy and administration.

■ David Schindler, a professor of biological sciences, was awarded a lifetime achievement award from the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy in October. The institute recognized Schindler's work on freshwater lake systems, noting his research has been widely used in ecologically sound management practices in Canada, the U.S., and Europe.



■ Representatives from the University of Alberta have signed four agreements to facilitate collaboration between the U of A and educational institutions and private industry in Mexico.

U of A Provost and VP (Academic) Carl Amrhein and Brian Stevenson, associate vice president (international), travelled to Ottawa to sign the agreements in the presence of Prime Minister Paul Martin and Mexican President Vicente Fox, in Canada for three days of trade talks.

The agreements mainly focus on academic and scientific collaboration in petroleum and energy-related areas.

■ Nat Kav, a professor in the U of A's Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science, has received a grant worth \$782,000 to pursue research that may help make certain crops more resistant to fungal disease.



Kav will receive \$195,500 a year for the next four years from the Agricultural Funding Consortium, an umbrella organization whose membership includes the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute (AARI).

■ This fall's U of A Martha Cook Piper Research Prize winners are Dennis Hall (Chemistry) and Ron Plotnikoff (Physical Education and Recreation/Centre for Health Promotion Studies). Hall's research focuses on synthetic organoboron methodology and combinatorial chemistry, fields that are showing increasing importance in biotechnology and pharmaceutical research. The primary focus of Plotnikoff's research is the promotion of physical activity, with an interest in the interrelationship between individual behaviour change and environmental components. The awards, named after former U of A vice-president (research) Martha Piper, recognize two faculty members at the early stage of their careers whose work has had an impact in their field of study.

■ The University's Allan P. Markin/Canadian Natural Resources Limited Natural Resources Engineering Facility (NREF) was officially opened on 1 October. Laboratories, research areas, and lecture theatres devoted to natural resources development will be housed in this state-of-the-art facility.

The building bears the names of both a generous alumnus—**Allan Markin**, '68 BSc(Eng), '02 LLD (Honorary)—and his company, Canadian Natural Resources Limited. In December 2001, Markin

donated \$3 million to support the construction of the \$65 million building, and his company matched the donation.

■ The \$2.2-million Oil Sands Tailings Research Facility (OSTRF), opened in October, will investigate ways to handle oil sands tailings, which are a mixture of water, sand, silt, and bitumen left over from the process of extracting bitumen from oil sands. At present, every barrel of oil extracted produces three cubic metres of tailings, and dealing with the tailings is one of the oil industry's greatest environmental challenges.

The University's new research centre is jointly funded by industry, the Alberta Research Council, and the federal government. It is located at the CANMET Energy Technology Centre at Devon, 40 km southwest of Edmonton.

■ A new U of A-based diagnostic centre that will provide non-invasive routine diagnosis for a number of diseases officially opened in October. The \$2.6 million Magnetic Resonance Diagnostic Centre (MRDC), the only one of its kind in North America, is in the National High Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Centre (NANUC), on the south side of the Heritage Medical Research Building.

Researchers and physicians at the MRDC will use proton magnetic resonance technology to look for abnormalities in biofluids such as blood and urine.

In its early stages, the MRDC will be operated under the University Magnetic Resonance Diagnostic Group and is expected to be fully operational by next January.

In Memoriam

The University notes with sadness the passing of the following members of our academic community:

Leonard Bauer, Professor Emeritus of Agriculture, in August

Joan Crowther, Professor Emeritus of English, in September

C. Stuart MacKinnon, Professor Emeritus of History, in September



bear country

A Space to Call Your Own

At one edge of our busy campus, there is still somewhere to enjoy a little space of your own: the Campus Observatory, on the roof and seventh floor of the Physics Building.

The observatory, which opened almost 30 years ago, welcomes visitors from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Thursday evening throughout the academic year. It also opens for such special celestial events as the lunar eclipse last month. Volunteers with the campus group Students for the Promotion of Astronomy, Culture, and Education (SPACE) maintain the telescope and the informational displays inside the observatory.

"Last year a woman in her 70s came; she said she'd never looked through a telescope before," says Kristy Boates, third-year chemistry student and current president of SPACE. The observatory

averages about 20 or 30 visitors each night, including "lots of non-students, older people, and groups of kids," says Boates.

Boates says most people like to see planets, especially the dramatically beautiful Saturn, which is best viewed from November through February. Other interesting sights include nebulae, which are clouds of beautiful, glowing gas, and the moon, which is "almost blindingly bright when it's full."

Club members can handle most questions about astronomy. When asked by a boy if a picture of an erupting volcano on Jupiter was actually evidence of aliens testing their weapons, the simple answer was no.

For answers to more complex questions, club members can defer to their faculty advisor, Sharon Morsink of the

Department of Physics. "I just feel I want people to know more about the universe," says Morsink, "and if looking at planets is a way for them to do that, that's great."

Though the view from the telescope "won't look like the fancy pictures you see on the web or what is retrieved by the Hubble telescope," Morsink says it can still be quite beautiful on a clear night. "Before coming down, look at the sky," says Morsink. "If it's completely cloudy, you won't be able to see anything through the telescope, but if it's patchy clouds, it's worthwhile coming down because we can see patches of sky between clouds and observe things there."

For more information on SPACE and the observatory, check the club's website at www.ualberta.ca/~space.



Honorary degree recipients named

Sima Samar, an internationally recognized human rights advocate for women, children, and education in Afghanistan; C. Richard Harington, '54 BA, '57 BSc, '77 PhD, a pioneer and leader in the study of Canadian ice age vertebrate fossils and their environments; and Lady Mary Soames, author and historian, were the honorary degree recipients at the University of Alberta's fall convocation.

Samar, former deputy prime minister and minister for women's affairs in the post-Taliban Afghan government, has spent the last two decades working under life-threatening conditions to better the lives of women and children in Afghanistan. Samar founded and directed the Shuhada Organization, which operates a network of hospitals, clinics, and schools dedicated to improving the lives of Afghan women



Samar, Harington, and Lady Soames

and children, as well as assisting in the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan. She received an Honorary Doctor of Laws.

Harington is a research associate and curator emeritus of quarternary zoology at the Canadian Museum of Nature, as well as an adjunct professor of earth sciences at the University of Waterloo. With the help of First Nations peoples as well as individual farmers, geologists, and museum professionals across Canada, he expanded

the national collection of Canadian ice age vertebrates from under 100 specimens in 1965 to over 40,000 today. The collection is now one of the finest in North America. He received an Honorary Doctor of Science.

Lady Soames, Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, is an author and historian and the daughter of former British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill. Lady Soames served in the mixed anti-aircraft batteries in England and northwestern Europe during the Second World War and accompanied her father as an aide on several wartime overseas journeys. She has long been an advocate for the values of international peace and education. Lady Soames received an Honorary Doctor of Laws during the Churchill Society dinner in October.

—Sandra Halme

To: Science & engineering alumnae

Subject: Mentors desperately needed

Lily Tomlin famously quipped, "I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realize I should have been more specific." For many young girls considering career options, being specific is a challenge. SCIBerMENTOR, which pairs women in science and engineering with girls between the ages of 11 and 18, is here to help.

The mentoring program, a cooperative venture among the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, and the Alberta Women's Science Network, was started four years ago to inform girls about education and career choices in the sciences. It's no secret that few women study in science and engineering says **Alby Pei**, '96 BSc, '98 SpecialCert, who administers the program at the U of A.

"There is an idea for girls now that you can be anything you want to be," she says. "The question that isn't well

answered for girls these days is: 'How do I figure out what I want to be, now that I can be anything?'"

Mentor Laura-Lee Farrell is a mechanical/biomedical engineering student at the U of A. She says the most enjoyable part of being a mentor is "knowing that I am an influence and a positive resource while these girls are deciding what they want to be when they grow up."

Marta Kroz, the high school student Farrell mentored last year, is now in her first year of engineering at the U of A. Conversations with Farrell gave Kroz "the reassurance I needed that engineering was the right faculty for me," she says.

Pei travels through northern Alberta to tell junior high and high school girls about the program. She says the mentoring is conducted through e-mail to make it more accessible. "Girls in any



Alby Pei with students in Cold Lake

small town who can get to a computer once a week can get hooked up with a mentor in any field."

The responses Pei receives to her pitch are always enthusiastic, and the program's growth has exceeded all expectations. Success does present one problem: "I need mentors," says Pei. "I can't go to the schools without having the mentors to back it up."

Mentors volunteer their time, but money for travel, promotional materials, and events comes from the sponsors—Alberta Innovation and Science, EnCana, and NSERC. For more information on the program, check the website at www.scibermentor.ca.

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

Study offers evidence that Chronic Fatigue Syndrome exists

A University of Alberta study has verified that there is physical evidence for those who suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS), giving new weight to the often stigmatized and misdiagnosed disorder.

Research published in the *International Journal of Psychophysiology* in August determined that, using independent criteria, CFS can be distinguished from depression, with which it shares many of the same symptoms.

CFS is an often debilitating disorder, characterized by a constellation of symptoms, including fever, sore throat, headache, muscle weakness, and sleep and cognitive disturbances. The level of disability varies for people with CFS, but some individuals find they are unable to return to work or function normally on a day-to-day basis. Unfortunately, many of these symptoms are subjective in nature and are difficult to quantify or confirm, says **Hannah Pazderka-Robinson**, '95 BA, the lead author on the study. Not only does the stigma of the disorder play an emotional toll on the patient, but it has implications for insurance claims as well.

"There are a number of medical professionals who don't believe that CFS exists in the first place," says Pazderka-Robinson, a doctoral student in the U of A's Centre for Neuroscience.

"Both CFS and depression are characterized by very similar profiles. ... Some CFS patients are often given antidepressants that don't work or work poorly, since they do not address the underlying condition. Again, when these medications don't work, physicians sometimes jump to the conclusion that there isn't really anything physically wrong. Obviously, both misdiagnosis and the tendency for doctors to treat these patients as if they're not really sick can be extremely distressing."

The most significant part of the research was to provide independent verification for CFS sufferers that these patients are different than normal controls and they're not "just depressed," says Pazderka-Robinson.

The U of A study was the first of its kind to use electrodermal activity—in which electrodes were placed on each hand—to investigate the differences among CFS patients, depression patients, and healthy controls. Using tone and light stimuli, the tests showed that CFS sufferers can be distinguished from people with major depression by quantifiable measurements, suggesting there is a clear biological basis to the condition.

—Phoebe Dey, '94 BA



bear country

Music Soothes the Stressed-Out Soul



Patricia Tao

If music soothes the savage beast, it can also help a medical intern relax. That's the hope of the Department of Music, which offers the "Hear's to Your Health" concert series—four chamber music concerts a year, all held in the first-floor foyer of the Bernard Snell Auditorium in the Walter Mackenzie Health Sciences Centre.

U of A piano professor Patricia Tao coordinates the series. The idea, says Tao, is to bring the listeners "some sense of joy and relief, to feed their souls." Joy and relief is the perfect prescription for the staff and visitors in a stressful hospital environment. "We want to reach medical faculty and students but also people who are coming into the hospital for maybe not good reasons," Tao explains, "it's for them too." The concerts are free and open to the public.

The repertoire is serious, the performers world class, and the atmosphere relaxed. "We're trying to make it as informal and as people-friendly as possible," says Tao. The concerts are at 5 p.m., so listeners can catch a short concert after work.

David Cook of the University's medical faculty helps organize the series and hosts the concerts, introducing the performers and the musical pieces. The location, he says, is "intimate without being too crowded and has surprisingly good acoustics. We try to create an atmosphere that is friendly and informal—there is a brief reception afterwards with juice and cheese, and it gives the audience a chance to talk to the performers, something that does not happen easily in most concerts. The audience is much closer to

the performers—it is the way chamber music is supposed to be!"

Tao was involved in a similar program in the Faculty of Medicine at State University of New York at Stony Brook. When she came to the University of Alberta two years ago, she talked to the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the time, **D. Lorne Tyrrell**, '64 BSc, '68 MD, about starting a hospital concert series at the U of A. He was all for it.

Tao believes the hospital is a good setting for the series. "For many people, there has always been this connection between science and music. I've

met many scientists who just love classical music and I think many of these scientists grow up studying music, so it seemed like a natural audience, it brings something warmer and more humane to the atmosphere."

Faculty members from the U of A's music department perform for free. Concerts this year will also feature a number of musicians from the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

Tao would like to take the chamber music she loves to even wider audiences. "I'd like to bring the music anywhere," she states. "I think music should be more a part of our lives, and can be."

The next concert in the "Hear's to Your Health" series will be on Wednesday, 12 January 2005, and will feature Jacques Despres, piano; Martin Riseley, violin; and the new principal horn player of the ESO, Allene Hackleman. The performers will play Beethoven's "Spring" sonata, op. 24, and the Brahms Horn Trio in E-flat, op. 40.

Holocaust survivor ensures

As a Holocaust survivor, Saul Reichert sees himself as having a great responsibility to history.

"The six million people who died in the Holocaust had a wish that the world would not forget what happened to them," the 74-year-old Edmonton restaurateur explains.

In 1944, Reichert and the rest of his family were sent to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration/death camp after surviving the harsh conditions of the infamous Polish Lodz Ghetto.

Reichert, who was subsequently sent to a slave-labour work camp after spending a month in the death

camp, never saw his immediate family again.

As part of a personal mission to keep the memories of the Holocaust from fading, Reichert has spoken in local high schools, delivering moving first-hand accounts of his experiences, but he wanted to do more.

Last year, after hearing that Rudolf Vrba, author of *I Escaped from Auschwitz*, was coming to speak in Edmonton as part of the University of Alberta's new Annual Holocaust Lecture Series, Reichert and his wife, Toby, started thinking about donating to this particular event.

History between the pages

"Rejoice, rejoice ... the great publishing event of 2004 is here," trumpeted *The Times* of London recently. The paper wasn't talking about the latest best-selling Harry Potter book or tell-all autobiography, but the essential research tool for the humanities—the Oxford University Press *Dictionary of National Biography* (DNB), released in September after 12 years of preparation.

From a fourth-century explorer who left an account of the islands of Britain to a barrister who died in 2000, and thousands of people in between, the *DNB* chronicles a history of the British people. Surprisingly, the distinctive Oxford blue of this outstanding resource has a tinge of green and gold from the many U of A scholars who contributed entries.

"The U of A is one of the premier institutions in North America for British Studies," says arts dean and history professor Daniel Woolf, who both edited and contributed entries related to his research interests. The *DNB* is "a mammoth reference book for the next century, and essential for historians of Britain and its various former colonies, Canada included."

The original *DNB* was published just over a century ago. "It was clear that a new dictionary was needed," says

Woolf, "both because the majority of entries were in need of thorough revision, owing to new information on their subjects now being available, and because the original *DNB* was rather heavy on certain types of individuals (learned clerics and politicians, for instance) and rather short on other important groups, most notably women." The total number of women included in the Oxford *DNB* is 5,627, as compared to 1,758 in the first *DNB*.

None of the entries from the original were cut, and thousands of new entries were added, bringing the total number of biographies to just over 50,000. An electronic version is to be updated three times a year, as new facts become known and future entries need to be written.

The first qualification for entry in the *DNB* is to have died, but beyond that the coverage is wide. Oxford University Press explains, "The aim is to include people who have attracted attention in the historical record—not always for admirable reasons ... and in the breadth of the dictionary's coverage lies some of its continuing fascination."

John Considine of the U of A's Department of English and Film Studies wrote or revised 20 entries. He started work on the *DNB* when he



Daniel Woolf

was at Oxford and carried on when he came to Alberta. Not only a research tool for scholars and students of the humanities, the 60-volume opus is also simply good reading, says Considine. "What the founding editor of the *DNB* wanted was that entries should be challenging and readable and that someone should be able to pull a volume off the shelves and open it at random and find something interesting."

Soon users of the U of A library will be among those interested readers. The library has ordered a set at a cost of \$11,000 (U.S.) and will be clearing 3.6 metres of shelf space in the Reference area of the Humanities and Social Sciences Library (Rutherford North) to store this gem of scholarship. The library will also have access to the online version for at least one year.

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

educational efforts continue

After inviting Vrba and key endowment and community players to make their case at the Reicherts' restaurant—Teddy's on Jasper Avenue—the couple decided to donate \$60,000 towards the endowment. This fund now sits at \$90,000, just \$10,000 short of its \$100,000 goal.

For Reichert, the lecture series is an important part of a larger dialogue about justice that he believes every law-abiding citizen needs to participate in to ensure systematic "injustice against the innocent" doesn't happen again.

Reichert notes that the Holocaust was preceded by a decade of open

persecution against the Jewish population of Germany that went virtually unchallenged.

"Where were the German judges, teachers, doctors, and clergy while this was taking place?

"It's important for educators of today to show the world a way to guard against this kind of injustice from rising up again," he says.

The next speaker in the series will be Christopher Browning, author of *The Origin of the Final Solution*. The lecture will be delivered in March.

—Gilbert A. Bouchard



Toby and Saul Reichert

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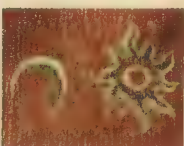
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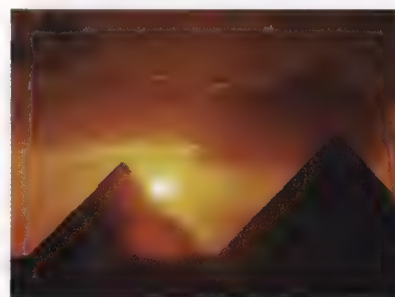
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The Search is Over

University names its 12th president

by Richard Cairney & Roland Lines

The University of Alberta announced on 5 November that Indira Samarasekera would become its 12th president next July, when the second five-year term of Rod Fraser, '61 BA, '63 MA, will draw to a close.

Samarasekera was introduced to media and members of the campus community at a news conference after the University's Board of Governors unanimously approved her appointment. At the event, Samarasekera said university presidents in Canada must promote increased funding levels, which have dropped dramatically in the past decade.

"Public funding for Canada's universities has been significantly eroded and must be restored," she said, pointing out that since 1980 funding to public universities in Canada has dropped by 20 percent, while in the U.S. it has increased by 25 percent.

An engineer by training—she received her bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the University of Ceylon in 1974, her master's in mechanical engineering from the University of California in 1976 (as a Hayes Fulbright Scholar), and her doctorate in metallurgical engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1980—Samarasekera nevertheless expressed particular concern over the state of funding in the arts and humanities.

Samarasekera, who is currently the vice-president (research) at the University of British Columbia, will be the University of Alberta's first female president. She said there was no question in her mind that she wanted to come to the U of A.

"The University of Alberta stands out, without question, among great Canadian universities because no other university has advanced as much in a decade. ... I really do want to applaud President Fraser and his team for positioning the University so well."

Samarasekera said she hopes "to create a climate where risk-taking and

creative research is not only supported, but fostered." The University should be "a cauldron of new discoveries and new ideas," she said.

"Now is the time to position the University as a global think tank—a place where people turn to when they are looking for rich ideas."

She said the University's alumni have a strong role to play in strengthening global connections. "Engagement of alumni in a two-way interaction, in order to take the University of Alberta to the world and to bring the world to the University of Alberta, is an area that we would do well to foster."

"We have an exciting journey ahead, a road that I'm looking forward to travelling on. ... This is a road that's marked by daring, by discovery, and by distinction," she said.

Jim Edwards, '62 BA, chair of the Board of Governors and of the University's presidential search committee, said Samarasekera was a natural choice for president. "We are indeed fortunate that such an esteemed academic and administrator has agreed to lead our great institution," he said.

Chancellor Eric Newell, '02 LLD (Honorary), said Samarasekera was the right choice to continue the "tremendous trajectory upwards" that President Fraser set for the University.

"She has everything it takes to inspire the University community to go to new heights and to champion the University of Alberta both locally and abroad."

Newell joked that he was glad to have a new president who is a fellow engineer and UBC graduate. He remarked that he was a classmate of one of Samarasekera's mentors at UBC, the late Keith Brimacombe, the first president of the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

Samarasekera has held the position of vice-president (research) at UBC since May 2000. During her term, infrastructure and funding for research increased significantly, and she spearheaded several initiatives to enhance



Indira Samarasekera (front) is welcomed to the U of A by Alumni Association President Dick Wilson, '74 BA, '75 LLB, graduate student Lorraine Jonasi, '01 MSc, and Students' Union President Jordan Blatz.

the support for researchers at the Point Grey and four hospital campuses.

Dr. Martha Piper, president of UBC, called Samarasekera "a truly visionary leader."

A tireless advocate for research across all fields, Samarasekera facilitated major research projects in the humanities, social, natural, applied, and health sciences through the Canadian Foundation for Innovation and the granting councils.

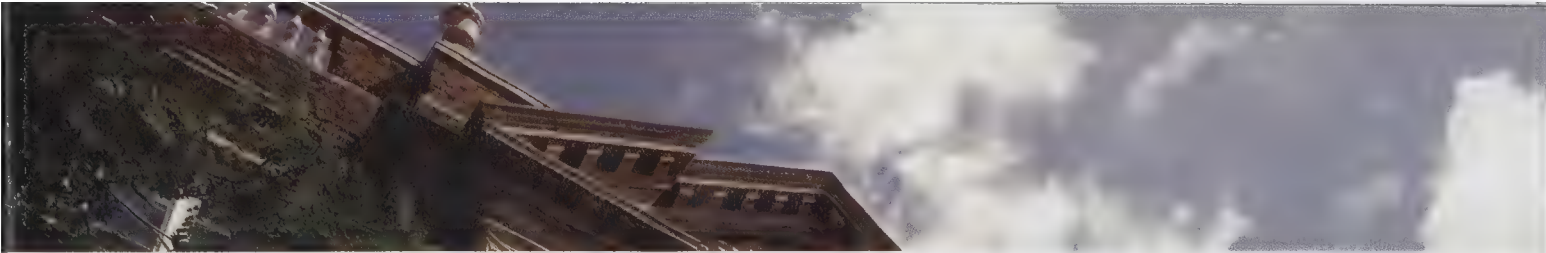
Samarasekera is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Mining Metallurgy and Petroleum. She is a recipient of numerous other honours, including the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship, the British Columbia Science Council New Frontiers in Research Award, the Dofasco Award, the Golden Jubilee Medal, and the UBC Killam Research Prize.

Samarasekera was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and immigrated to Canada in 1977. She has two children, Dinesh, 25, and Anjalika, 22, both recent graduates of Queen's University.

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University of Alberta programs and partnerships at home and abroad, are responsive to the needs of a global marketplace, expanding learning opportunities for students, and ensuring that our teaching and research remain relevant to the people and communities of Alberta, Canada, and the world.

Among its initiatives, Fédération des Aînés Franco-Albertains advocates for the right of francophone seniors to receive health services in the Canadian official languages. The Fédération des Aînés Franco-Albertains Bursary at Faculté Saint-Jean supports the bilingual nursing program.

Newly incorporated into the University, the Augustana Faculty is at the early stages of planning for a dynamic program of renewal and expansion at its Camrose campus. Strengthening scholarships and bursary opportunities, particularly for students from rural Alberta, will be an immediate priority. Other key development initiatives will be included in the campaign in the near future.

Thanks to a gift from the University of Alberta's new chancellor, Eric Newell, '02 LLD (Honorary), the School of Native Studies has announced its first entrance scholarship. Over the next few years, Newell will establish a \$250,000 endowment to fund an annual Dean's Citation scholarship of \$10,000.



Planning for a new Health and Wellness Centre to better accommodate student needs and campus wellness is underway and will be a major fund-raising focus for the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation.

The U of A Libraries, Museums, and Collections is seeking contributions to ensure that students, researchers, professors, and individuals on campus and in the wider community have the opportunity to fully utilize the richness of these collections.

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is seeking private sector partners to develop an innovative network of off-campus learning centres that will have a patient-centered approach to practice.



OUTSTANDING POTENTIAL

OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

Research and innovation are essential to a healthy and competitive economy. One measure of the University of Alberta's success is the increase in sponsored research, from \$146 million in 1997 to more than \$377 million in 2004, ranking the University of Alberta among the top three Canadian universities in total research funding. The real story, however, is the difference that University of Alberta research makes in the lives of people in Alberta, Canada, and around the world.

From developing a new treatment for diabetes to improving educational opportunities for aboriginal youth to finding new and sustainable sources of energy, University of Alberta researchers are providing real solutions to meet community needs. For graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Alberta, working with researchers of an international calibre enriches their education by providing access to outstanding mentors.

The University of Alberta is at the forefront of faculty renewal, hiring nearly 50 percent of its full-time, current teaching and research staff since 1995. This on-going infusion of new talent and energy is

significantly enhanced by private support. Endowed chairs and professorships play an important role in the University's ability to attract strong academic talent—people on the leading edge in their field who can share their experience and teach from positions of leadership.

The resources and funding stability afforded by endowed chairs and professorships help ease financial pressures and allow outstanding faculty to focus on high-quality teaching and research.

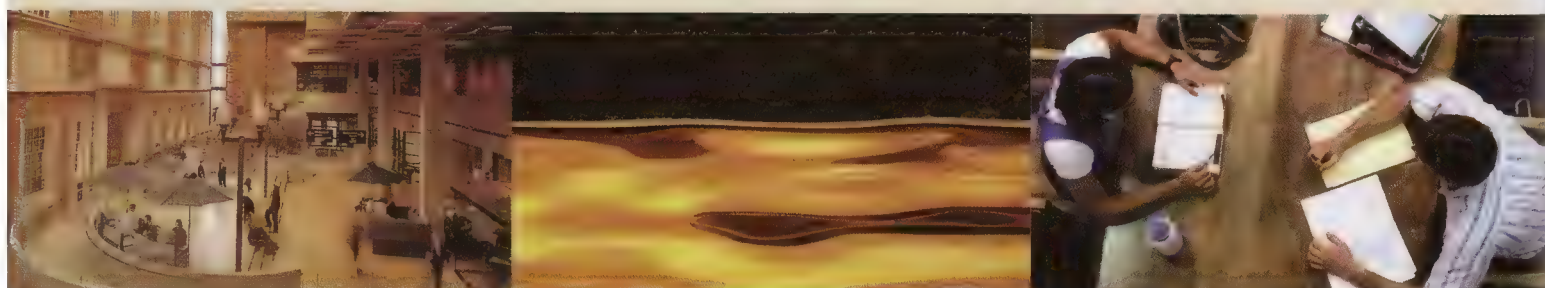
Research teams at the University of Alberta are leading the charge in addressing some of today's most pressing challenges and opportunities, including cultural and religious diversity, nanotechnology, energy and the environment, health and wellness, and social sciences. As the traditional boundaries between disciplines become obscured, the learning community benefits enormously from the ability to explore these issues in multi-disciplinary teams.

The formal development of research synergies across faculties will provide greater exposure and opportunities to students and researchers as they pursue increasingly complex and inter-related issues.

Learning Services is seeking private-sector donors for several key initiatives. The digitization of the Peel's Prairie Provinces Bibliography of the Canadian Prairies is the foundation for a powerful and innovative Internet research tool. The University of Alberta Press Endowment will provide financial stability for the press and help it enhance its publishing program.

Imperial Oil made an unprecedented commitment to energy research in the Faculty of Engineering with a \$10-million contribution to establish the Imperial Oil Centre for Oil Sands Innovation. The centre's mandate is to find more efficient, economically viable, and environmentally responsible ways to develop Canada's oil sands, one of the largest crude oil deposits in the world.

The Faculty of Education's Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (ATEP) is currently being offered in collaboration with Northern Lakes College in five communities across northern Alberta. ATEP aims to improve the educational success of aboriginal youth by increasing the number of aboriginal teachers in aboriginal communities.



The CN Rail Professorship in International Trade Law will enable the Faculty of Law to hire a leading expert in this key area of legal study and research. Establishing chairs and professorships is a top priority for the Faculty of Law.

RBC Financial Foundation's \$1.5-million gift to the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Family Enterprise and the Alberta Business Family Institute in the School of Business will foster world-class teaching, research, and community programs.

Endowed chairs and professorships, such as the recently created Landrex Professorship funded by Larry, '70 BA, '71 LLB, and Shannon Andrews, are among the top priorities for the Faculty of Arts.



OUTSTANDING RESEARCH

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In recent years the University of Alberta has experienced a dramatic increase in student enrollment and research activity, resulting in a critical need for new and renewed space to accommodate our unprecedented growth. The University is challenged, not only by a lack of building space, but also by the aging of existing buildings and infrastructure. In order to sustain the world-class teaching and research that has come to be expected from the University of Alberta, the development and renovation of our campus is a leading priority.

Providing students and researchers with adequate facilities and tools is integral to the University's ability to sustain a productive learning and research community. The University of Alberta is struggling to keep up with the need for space. The campus that was built to serve a community of 22,000 in the 1960s now serves more than 40,000 students, faculty, and staff. The increased demand has resulted in inadequate

research space, crowded classrooms, and over-used support facilities.

New projects in museum and art collections, health research, interdisciplinary science, natural resources engineering, nanotechnology, and agri-food are central to the University's growth. These initiatives will be supported by renovation and upgrades to existing facilities. The result will be improved working and learning conditions for faculty, staff, and students to enhance the University's overall capacity for excellence in teaching, research, and community service.

Access to up-to-date technology and learning resources have become major competitive considerations for academic talent. Rapid changes in technology require consistent and intensive investment to ensure that our students and researchers are equipped with the tools they need to provide results, both in the lab and in the working world.

The Killam Trusts, along with the Graduate Students' Association, are the lead donors for the transformation of the South Lab (a heritage building) into the Killam Centre for Advanced Studies. The centre will provide 1,800 square metres of space for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, the Graduate Students' Association, the Postdoctoral Fellows' Office, and the Postdoctoral Fellows' Association.

Building on commitments from the provincial and federal governments and industry partners, the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics is moving ahead with Agri-Food Discovery Place, a \$24-million, state-of-the-art research facility focused on food safety and value-added processing of food and industrial products.

Don Oborowsky and his Waiward Steel partner Ted Degner were among the lead donors to the Health Research Innovation Facility with a generous personal gift of \$1 million. The facility will be home to a number of acclaimed programs in diabetes, transplantation, and cardiovascular research.



The Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics is looking for partners to help build the \$11-million, 2,800-square-metre Devonian Botanic Garden EcoCentre. The EcoCentre will open the garden year-round for up to 250,000 school children and visitors, up from 40,000 visitors currently received from May to October.

Lead gifts by professor emeritus Stuart Davis, '39 BSc(Eng), '40 MSc, and Burlington Resources Canada will support the new Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science. This state-of-the-art research and teaching facility will make space for an additional 2,000 graduate and undergraduate students and provide them with an unparalleled learning experience.

The College of Physical Therapists of Alberta is a lead donor in the \$3.5-million expansion of Corbett Hall to accommodate the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine's acclaimed teaching and research programs.



OUTSTANDING GROWTH

BUILDING...

Nearly 100 years ago, Henry Marshall Tory articulated a vision for the University of Alberta as a university of the people. This early vision has fuelled a tradition of community responsibility and leadership that has been encouraged by the continuing contributions of alumni, faculty, researchers, and staff.

At the dawn of our second century we face an unprecedented need for educated and knowledgeable graduates and a pressing demand for innovative research and technology solutions to address the complex problems on local, national, and global scales.

The University of Alberta must respond, but without additional funding and support from the community, it will not be able to respond with same the level of teaching and research excellence that has defined our university in the past. Further, our community simply cannot afford to lose the best and brightest faculty and students because of a lack of the scholarships, research support, and facilities required for a world-class university.

During the University's first century, we built one of the world's finest universities and established a reputation for creating the knowledge that society needs to address our most challenging issues. During this next century, let us continue to help build a nation of citizens of higher thought and deed—citizens whose talents will continue to shape a strong and prosperous future for us all.

Campaign 2008 is inviting donors to help shape the future of the University of Alberta. This investment will strengthen the foundations of our institution as we prepare to build for the next century of success. It will send a clear statement of support for the University to government and industry. The \$310 million raised in Campaign 2008 will be used to leverage provincial and federal government grants to help address the strategic priorities of the University in this exciting era of growth.

Join the University of Alberta in Campaign 2008 as we celebrate the accomplishments of one century and begin to build the next.

The Faculty of Nursing is well on its way to achieving its \$1 million goal for the proposed Professorship in Clinical Nursing Practice. More than \$740,000 has been committed to date.

The University of Alberta Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights is one of the most anticipated annual public events in the community. The Stollery Charitable Foundation created a \$250,000 challenge fund to match all donations to the endowment, which, once it reaches \$1 million, will support the lectureship in perpetuity.

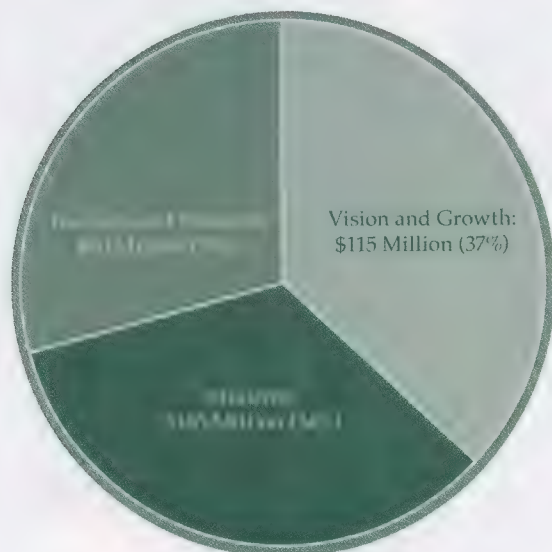
The Faculty of Extension is seeking an endowment to help sustain the Extension Centre Art Gallery's continuing development to offer high-quality and educational experiences for people at the University and beyond.



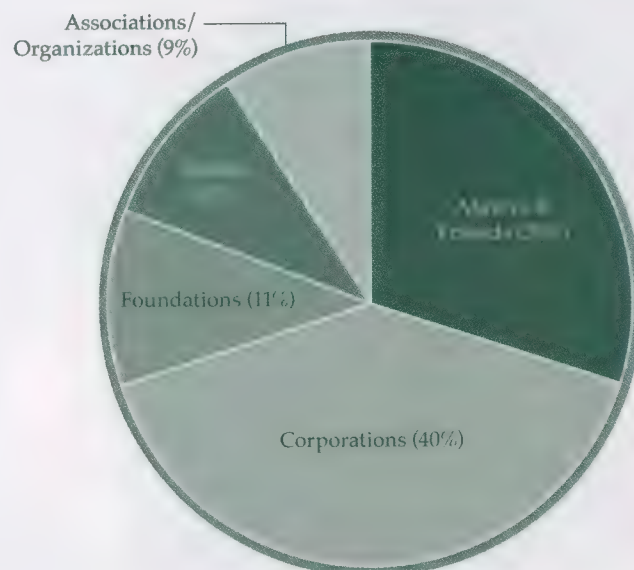
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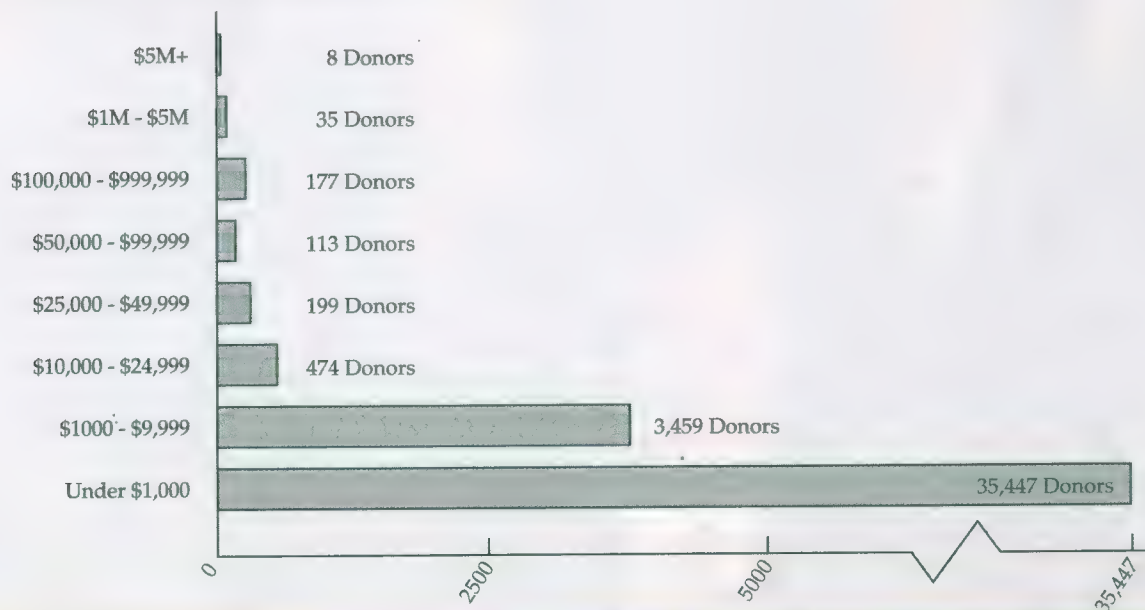
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"As a business family, parents of two graduates and alumni, my wife Maryanne (B.Ed '75) and I (B.Com '75) are honoured to make this contribution to the development of young people and the leaders of tomorrow."

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"The University of Alberta is all about people – tremendous students, dedicated teachers and world-renowned researchers. It is an exciting time on campus and as an alumnus (BA '59, LLB '62, Hon '94), I look forward to being a part of this excitement."

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"The engineering education I received at the University of Alberta (P. Eng '60, Hon '2000), gave me a solid foundation for my career in the energy sector. I am pleased to have this opportunity to give back and support this world-class university."

JIM STANFORD, CAMPAIGN 2008 CO-CHAIR

"University of Alberta researchers are among the best in the world and at the forefront of discovery. I'm proud to be an alumnus (M. Eng '85) and to support the university in enhancing its ability to attract and retain the best and the brightest minds."

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Celebrates the specific, recent accomplishments of University of Alberta alumni (in the last 12 months prior to the nomination deadline in March). These accomplishments may take the form of a major award, a national or an international honour, winning a major championship, or being appointed to a high office, etc.

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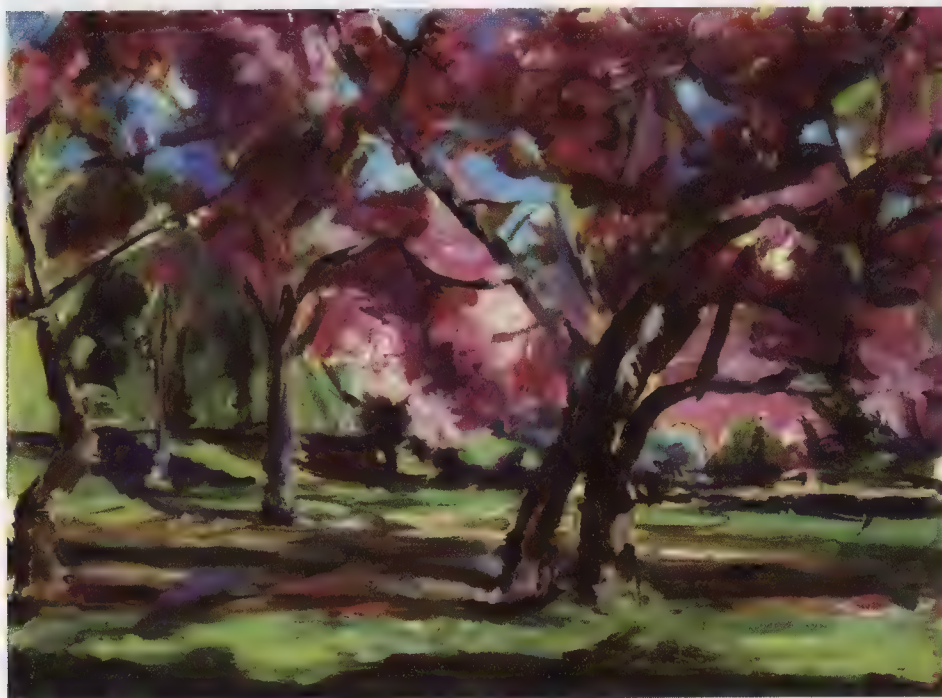
Recognizes the outstanding achievements of University of Alberta alumni early in their careers (within 12 years of receiving a bachelor's degree and within 10 years of receiving an advanced, graduate degree).

NOMINATION DEADLINE: 1 MARCH 2005

To obtain a nomination form, visit the Alumni Association Website at www.ualberta.ca/alumni or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (780) 492-3224, 1-800-661-2593 (toll-free in North America), or e-mail jlitwin@ualberta.ca.

trails

Following the Footsteps of University of Alberta Alumni



Apple Blossoms in
Central Park (2001)
9" x 12"
oil on paper

After studying at the U of A, Tessa Nunn, '95 BA, '98 BFA, got an MFA from the New York Academy of Art. The academy is close to the site where the World Trade Center stood, and Tessa herself witnessed the collapse of the towers on 11 September. Afterwards, unable to return to the school because it was so close to Ground Zero, she spent a lot of time walking through Central Park, searching for perspective and healing. "Apple Blossoms in Central Park," painted from a photograph, is one of several paintings of Central Park that Tessa completed in the months after 9/11, "in celebration of the healing power of the Earth."

More of Tessa's works can be seen on her website, www.tessanunn.com. Primarily a figurative painter, Tessa teaches figurative painting and drawing workshops in Edmonton.

REFLECTIONS



The University of Alberta launched its fundraising campaign, officially called Campaign 2008, at the Saville Sports Centre on 2 November 2004. The goal is to raise \$310 million by

our centennial year, and with four years to go we are more than 60 percent there.

Improving the financial and learning conditions for students is one of the pillars of Campaign 2008. Gone are the days when many of us enjoyed \$400 a year tuition, affordable housing, and small, connected classes. Now tuition is over \$4,000, rents have skyrocketed, and few students really get to know their classmates, not only because classes are larger but also because so many students have to hold down a job to help pay their way.

The need to improve funding for scholarships and faculty chairs is also a personal mission for U of A Senator **Harold Banister**, '73 BCom. As a way to mark Alberta's centennial, he has championed an idea to combine private donations with matching funds from the provincial government to create a province-wide \$2-billion endowment for Centennial Scholarships and Endowed Chairs. His open letter to all Albertans is posted on the Alumni Association website, www.ualberta.ca/alumni.

I hope that all of our more than 200,000 alumni will include the U of A in their donation plans. Every alumni donation will, through the strength of our numbers, add up.

For 10½ years, President **Rod Fraser**, '61 BA, '63 MA, has worked tirelessly to make the University of Alberta indisputably recognized as one of the finest universities in Canada and the world. Your support will ensure that the U of A continues to offer a high-quality university education, and that it will be available to its students who could not make such an investment on their own.

President Fraser's tenure will end on 30 June 2005, and his successor was introduced to the University community on 5 November.

When I met our president-designate, Indira Samarasekera, she expressed a passion to build on the academic excellence for which our university is already known and to reverse the erosion of public funding for universities. She believes the University's alumni are an invaluable resource and wants to engage all of us in making the U of A truly a global university.

Dick Wilson, '74 BA, '75 LLB
Alumni Association President

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

An experience at university, says **Jim Hole**, '79 BSc(Ag), is "woven into the fabric of your existence; you can't escape it." Far from trying to escape his University of Alberta experience, Hole has been extending it, striving to strengthen the University through his work on Alumni Council.



Hole served on Alumni Council as the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics representative from 2001 to 2003. He has also been extensively involved in the creation of Alumni Walk and is now beginning a three-year term as Senate Representative.

Hole's interest in helping the University was influenced not only by his own good experiences as a U of A student but also by his parents' support of post-secondary education. His father, **Ted Hole**, '52 BSc(Ag), served on Alumni Council from 1988 to 1992, and his mother, Lois Hole, was chancellor of the U of A from 1998 to 2000. They were both "really happy that I went on Alumni Council, happy that I was doing some things to help out."

Hole shares his parents' belief in the transforming power of education. Alumni Council, he says, "touches everybody on campus, though you might not always realize it. It's a constant support for the University." It's an effective support, says Hole, because "the people on Alumni Council are great people, there for the common good of the University, wondering how to make things better."

Helping on Alumni Council has given Jim Hole insight into his alma mater. "You know as a student that the University is large, but when you get involved, you really realize the depth of the University and how fascinating it is."

— Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

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Athletics archives: history in the making

Do you know someone who's a U of A athlete from the past? If so, U of A Athletics wants your help to preserve a century of sports.

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Athletics will be creating a display of the memorabilia they receive. A permanent form will be created with the donor's name and the item's description for future shows.

To donate or for more information, contact **Chuck Moser**, '64 BPE, '72 MA, or **David Bandla**. Chuck can be reached at (780) 492-3917 or chuck.moser@ualberta.ca; David is at (780) 492-5906. Or you can just mail in your items: U of A Athletics, c/o David Bandla, P-220 Van Vliet Centre, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2H9.

Tax receipts will be issued at fair value upon request.

Staff changes in the Office of Alumni Affairs

After five and a half years organizing wonderful reunions and other special events for alumni, **Tracy Salmon**, '91 BA, '96 MSc, decided to move to a different portfolio within Alumni Affairs. In November, she became the coordinator for alumni chapters, taking over from **Derek Shybunka**, '00 BPE, who left Alumni Affairs last summer to pursue a new career in real estate.

"I'm looking forward to exploring new areas of alum-



Tracy Salmon

ni relations and further developing our chapters program," says Salmon. Salmon has left some large shoes to fill—the annual four-day Reunion Weekend event is the largest alumni gathering on campus—but her replacement, **Sheila Stosky**, '99 BA, says she is up to the task.



Sheila Stosky

Stosky has also been with Alumni Affairs for about five and a half years, gaining experience planning events and organizing volunteers in the alumni branches portfolio. She started as the assistant

for alumni branches, but she has been the acting coordinator while **Gina Wheatcroft**, '94 BEd, has been on leave. Wheatcroft will return to the office in February 2005.

New chapter hard at work connecting alumni and students

The Health Promotion Alumni Association (HPAA), which formed as a chapter of the U of A Alumni Association just last April, has already held two successful events and given out its first student award.

The Centre for Health Promotion Studies itself is relatively new to the U of A—it was established in 1996 and celebrated the convocation of its 100th graduate last spring—and the organizers of its alumni chapter want to help alumni stay connected with each other through various activities and services.

In June, the HPAA celebrated the achievements of recent Health Promotion Studies grads at a convocation barbecue at Hawrelak Park. In the fall HPAA hosted a potluck to allow current students to mix with alumni of the program.

One of the most important initiatives of this alumni association chapter is also its most poignant. The group is encouraging alumni to contribute to a scholarship in honour of one of the earliest graduates of the health



Bonnie Fournier (right) accepts the Dawn Bucharski Graduate Award in Health Promotion from Kim Raine.

promotion program, Dawn Bucharski, '78 BSc(Nu), '02 MSc. Bucharski was the first student at the Centre for Health Promotion Studies to receive national funding for her research. She lost her battle with cancer and passed away six months after receiving her master's degree in health promotion.

The Dawn Bucharski Graduate Award in Health Promotion is a tribute to Bucharski's life and is intended to support students in the master of science degree program in health promotion at the U of A.

The \$1,000 award was given for the first time in June 2004. The recipient, Bonnie Fournier, used the funds to help a women's organization in Uganda that pays school fees for orphans and works to make its members self-sufficient so that they can feed their children.

Fournier was in Uganda when the award was announced, working to complete a project for her master's thesis, but when she was back in Edmonton in July she said she was honoured to have been chosen.

In presenting the award to Fournier, Kim Raine, director of the Centre for Health Promotion Studies, noted similarities between the two students. "The selection committee recognized Bonnie's academic excellence, leadership, and commitment as outstanding, and her spirit, passion, and even her research interest in many ways exemplified the qualities we came to know in Dawn," Raine said.

To endow the fund and guarantee the award into perpetuity, an additional \$10,000 must be raised. To contribute to the fund, contact the U of A's development office at (780) 492-4418.

Alumni Events

Branch Events

27 January 2005 Silicon Valley (Palo Alto, California)

Alumni Reception
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., Stanford Faculty Club
Special Guest: David Lynch, Dean of Engineering

3 February 2005 New York, New York

Skating and Pasta Party
Bello Giardino, 71 West 71st Street, New York
6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.: Pasta Dinner
7:45 p.m.–9:30 p.m.: Skating at Wollman Rink, Central Park
Contact: Marilyn Parker, '61 BSc(HEC), '66 BEd, at parkerma@juno.com

5 March 2005 Phoenix, Arizona

Annual Alumni Brunch
10:00 a.m., Paradise Valley Golf and Country Club
Special Guest: U of A President Rod Fraser
Contact: Norm Nichol, '58 DDS, '71 Dip(Ed), '73 BEd, at (480) 396-4491

7 March 2005 Lethbridge, Alberta

Annual Alumni Reception and AGM
Special Guest: U of A Chancellor Eric Newell
Contact: Beth Cook, '71 BEd, at cookmusic@msn.com

March/April 2005 Florida

All-Canadian Alumni Event
Hosted by McMaster University

April 2005 Bonnyville, Alberta

Annual Alumni Brunch
Contact: Jennifer Lawton-Godziuk, '94 BEd, at lgodziuk@telus.net

9 April 2005 Washington, D.C.

All-Canadian Alumni Dinner
Hosted by York University

23 April 2005 Victoria, B.C.

Annual Alumni Brunch
Hotel Grand Pacific
Special Guest: Acting Dean Fern Snart, Faculty of Education
Contact: Darcy Verschoor, '96 BCom, at darcy.verschoor@royalbank.com

24 April 2005 Vancouver, B.C.

Annual Alumni Brunch
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Special Guest: Acting Dean Fern Snart, Faculty of Education
Contact: Jamil Ahmed, '70 MEng, mjahmed@shaw.ca

5 May 2005 Ottawa, Ontario

Alberta Celebration & U of A Alumni Reception
National Arts Centre

19 May 2005 Mayerthorpe, Alberta

Alumni Dinner
Special Guest: U of A President Rod Fraser

26 May 2005 Camrose, Alberta

Alumni Dinner
Special Guest: U of A President Rod Fraser

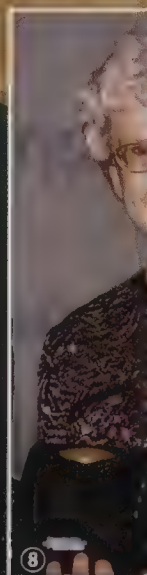
8 June 2005 Calgary, Alberta

Annual Alumni Dinner
Spruce Meadows
Contact: Douglas Colton, '59 BSc(Eng), '60 MSc, '64 PhD, at eliasaph@shaw.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Reunion Weekend 2004, 30 September to 3 October, included a host of events on campus and around the city of Edmonton.

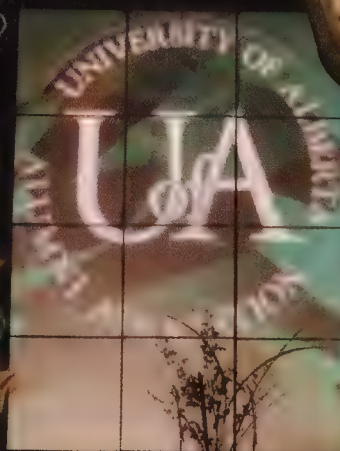
1-3: The Official Opening of Alumni Walk was held on 1 October in Quad. 2) The ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by Jim Hole, '79 BSc(Ag), chair of the Alumni Association's campus recognition project, Alberta Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole, and President Rod Fraser.

4: Entertainment at the Western Roundup Barbecue, held in Quad on 1 October.

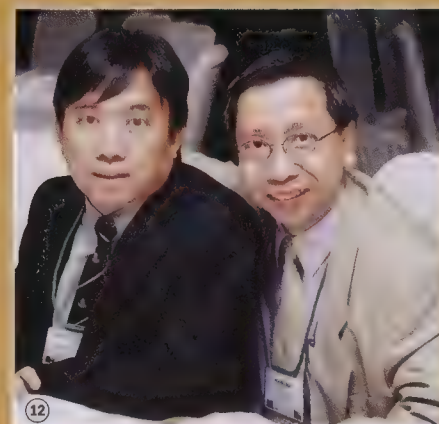
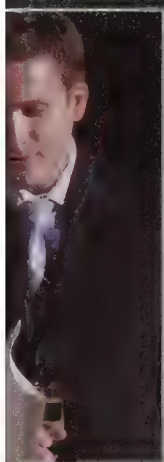
5-7: At the Reunion Dinner and Dance on 2 October.

5) Elizabeth Lough (Williams), '29 BA, received special mention as the earliest grad to attend. 6) Grads entering the event were welcomed with glasses of champagne and a pin commemorating their anniversary year. 7) The stage at the Dinner and Dance.

8-10: The Alumni Recognition Awards were held 30 September. 8) Margaret-Ann Armour, '70 PhD, receives a Distinguished Alumni Award. 9) President Rod Fraser presents Leela Gilday, '97 BMus, with her Alumni Horizon Award. 10) At the Awards reception in Alumni Lounge, Distinguished Alumni Award winner Henry Shimizu, '52 BSc, '54 MD, is congratulated by his son, Darren Shimizu, '88 BSc(Eng).



Scrapbook



11-14: The U of A Hong Kong Alumni Association held a special celebration on 29 October to mark their 25th anniversary. 11) **Trevor Mak**, '82 BCom, '84 MBA, sings karaoke with President **Rod Fraser**, '61 BA, '63 MA. 12) **Charles Chan**, '79 BSc(Eng),

'97 LLD (Honorary), and **Ronald Lee**, '79 BSc(Eng). 13) **Fred Lee**, '01 BSc(Eng), **Francisca Lo**, '97 BCom, **Timmie Lai**, '00 BSc(Eng), **Katherine Kwan**, '85 BA, and Christine Lee. 14) **Priscilla Chu**, '79 BCom, and **Linda Yau**, '79 BA.



15: Attending the Medical Alumni Association dinner at the Hotel Macdonald on 1 October were these members of the class of 1964: (standing) **Robert Lampard**, '64 MD, '66 BSc, '67 MSc, **Herb Janzen**, '64 MD, '70 MSc, **Bob Hallgren**, '64

MD, **Orest Bykowski**, '64 MD, **Fred Wilson**, '60 BSc, '64 MD, '67 MSc, **Gladys Marshall (Freeman)**, '64 MD, **Gunnar Myrholm**, '64 MD, **George Loewen**, '64 MD; (kneeling) **Tom Greidanus**, '64 MD, **Dieter Lemke**, '64 MD, **Ray Hulyk**, '64 MD.

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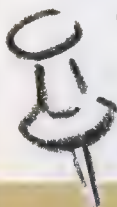
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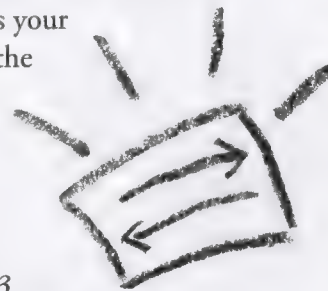


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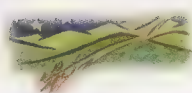
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Entrepreneurial grad shines new light on a common winter problem

Fall was always a hard time for philosophy grad **Larry Pederson**, '77 BA. Even growing up in sunny, southern Medicine Hat he remembers his mood turning sour as the days got shorter.

He came to the U of A with the hope of studying medicine—his mother and sister were both nurses—but the move north and the early-morning lab classes proved to be too much.

"Within a month of being here I found it increasingly hard to function," Pederson recalls.

After struggling through the first year he switched to arts, in large part, he says, because most of the classes were in the afternoon.

"Only now, looking back on it, do I realize I had seasonal affective disorder," says Pederson.

Twenty-five years after giving up on becoming a doctor, Pederson turned his disorder into an opportunity, both for himself and for other SAD sufferers. He was on an airplane in January 1999 when he realized what a benefit it would be to have a portable device to treat seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

His epiphany has resulted in a light therapy device called the Litebook. Because it uses white light-emitting diodes—invented in Japan just a few years ago—the Litebook is lightweight, is smaller than a typical hardcover novel, and produces almost no heat.

Pederson had been using one of the old-style light therapy boxes for five years, and he was finding it increasingly frustrating.

"It was big, heavy, and cumbersome. It looked like the Russians had built it in the '50s."

SAD is a type of depression that is characterized by abnormal mood episodes occurring at the same time of year (usually late fall and winter) on a regular basis. A person with SAD

experiences some of the typical symptoms of depression, including excessive tiredness, weight gain, social withdrawal, irritability, difficulty concentrating, and carbohydrate cravings.

"Winter blues" is the common name for more mild seasonal mood changes.

According to a U.S. National Mental Health Association study from 2002, up to 25 percent of North Americans experience some form of "winter blues," with approximately 5 percent experiencing SAD. At least twice as many women as men develop this condition, and most sufferers experience such feelings between the ages of 20 and 40.

SAD has been linked to high daytime levels of the hormone melatonin, which is involved in sleep regulation. Light therapy—the exposure of an individual to bright light—has been shown to reduce melatonin levels, which is the basis for its use in the treatment of SAD and winter blues.

After graduating from the U of A, Pederson ended up working for the provincial government as a film censor for two years. He recognizes the irony in having taken a job that had him "sitting in the dark and watching movies five days a week."

Pederson finally escaped the dark when he decided to follow his interest in movies to film school at the University of Southern California.

"While I lived in California—I lived there for 15 years—I felt like a million bucks," he says.

SAD still plagued Pederson every time he went to back Medicine Hat to visit his parents at Christmas, although he still didn't know what to call it. He finally sought professional help when he was in Medicine Hat for an extended period around the time of his father's death.



Larry Pederson (above) and the Litebook



"My father passed away at the end of October, and I ended up staying to help my mother out," he recalls.

"That's when I really found myself going into a tailspin. My energy was down and I couldn't read the *Medicine Hat News*. I couldn't even follow the plot of a movie."

Pederson went to see a friend of the family who is a psychiatrist, and she diagnosed him as having SAD. When Pederson told her he didn't want to take medication, she suggested he try light therapy.

The first time Pederson used a light box, he noticed a dramatic improvement in his mood.

"I sat in front of this thing for half an hour and I could feel my mood and my energy returning to normal ... I felt like I was back in southern California."

When Pederson started talking to people about SAD, a lot of them said it sounded like what they or someone they knew was experiencing. He realized there was a business opportunity, and he started selling the light therapy boxes for one of his current competitors, Northern Light Technologies.

The use of the Litebook in the treatment of SAD is the subject of major clinical trials currently being conducted at the University of British Columbia, Yale University, and several other institutions in North America and Europe.

—Roland Lines

Green Light for Alberta Auto Insurance Reforms

With all the news on the subject of automobile insurance reform over the past few months, the following article from Meloche Monnex, our group insurance partner, summarizes the "Alberta solution" that has now received government approval and took effect 1 October 2004.

The long-awaited automobile insurance reform package introduced by Alberta's Standing Policy Committee on Economic Development and Finance this spring received cabinet approval on 21 June 2004. The legislation focuses on setting maximum premiums based on driving record (at-fault claims and convictions) while also establishing new limits for minor injury awards and accident benefits coverage.

A new premium grid

The reform legislation, which was implemented on 1 October 2004, has a premium grid that specifies the maximum amount insurers can charge for mandatory coverage (third-party liability and accident benefits). The grid mainly applies to inexperienced drivers or those who couldn't find affordable insurance in the past.

Clients with good driving records will be unaffected by the grid. In fact, under the new legislation, insurers can charge premiums below the grid for those drivers. According to the provincial government, approximately 80 percent of Alberta drivers fall into this category, and they will automatically receive a 5 percent reduction in their compulsory automobile insurance premiums (third-party liability and accident benefits) under the new system. For the balance of drivers whose premiums are effectively capped by the grid, savings are even higher in most cases. For example, a young, inexperienced driver with a clean driving record may receive a premium reduction of up to 75 percent. As these drivers gain

experience, their premiums will fall below the grid and into the regulated competitive market.

Refunds will be issued to clients based on the portion of the policy term remaining subsequent to 1 October 2004, and insurers have until 31 January 2005 to complete the refund process.

Freeze still in effect

Furthermore, the rates for collision and comprehensive insurance will still remain frozen as a result of the premium freeze in effect until the end of September 2005. By that time, drivers whose circumstances have not changed will not have seen a rate increase since October 2003.

"At Meloche Monnex, rates for our Alberta clients have not increased since September 2002, when we set an average 5 percent increase," says Alain Thibault, president and CEO, who participated in the consultation process. This compares to an industry average increase in Alberta estimated at some 15 percent, as the Canadian automobile insurance industry experienced a very difficult period with rapidly rising claims volumes and increased health care and treatment costs.

Caps on injuries

As a way to address these escalating costs to insurers, the reform legislation limits minor injury compensation (sprains, sprains, or minor whiplash) to a maximum of \$4,000 for pain and suffering. This does not apply to medical equipment costs, treatment costs, lost wages, or other out-of-pocket expenses.

With the goal of getting accident victims back to health quickly, the insurer pays the health provider directly, meaning there are no out-of-pocket expenses for the victim during the first 12 weeks of treatment. For more serious injuries, the new reforms also increase benefits for medical and rehabilitation compensation to \$50,000 from \$10,000.



Furthermore, victims of all collisions will still have full access to the courts for pecuniary damages (non pain and suffering), and victims with serious injuries will not be affected by the \$4,000 limit.

Implementation

The government has been working with insurers and brokers over the summer on how to apply the new reforms to be implemented 1 October 2004. Meloche Monnex will ensure that refunds to clients are issued as quickly as possible and no later than the 31 January 2005 deadline. Rates in the future will continue to be regulated by a board established by the Alberta government.

With the aim of controlling automobile insurance premiums by better controlling claims cost inflation, the reform package is expected to save Alberta drivers approximately \$200 million annually. Meloche Monnex will continue to keep its 150,000 clients in Alberta informed while offering the best possible coverage, competitive rates, and a truly exceptional level of client service.

If you require more information on auto reforms, we invite you to visit our website at www.melochemonnex.com. Simply choose "Manage Your File" and then look for "News."

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bookmarks



Gentle into the Darkness: A Deaf Mother's Journey into Alzheimer's
Patricia Conrad, '74 BEd, '91 MEd

A story of the death and life of a remarkable woman, *Gentle into the Darkness* is a loving tribute by the author to her mother. The book captures Hendrika Visscher Conrad's gentle slide into the darkness of Alzheimer's, but with its heartfelt remembrances it becomes more a celebration of a life than a chronicle of demise.

Hendrika Visscher lost her hearing at the age of six. When she was 11, a schoolteacher told her parents she deserved a proper education and Hendrika was sent to the Manitoba School for the Deaf. There her world opened up and she thrived, learning American Sign Language and English and excelling at academics and other school activities. She worked as a seamstress at GWG in Edmonton, married, and lovingly raised three children in the farming community of Sangudo, Alberta.

Gentle into the Darkness provides insight into a culture few of us know. Patricia Conrad worked with deaf students as a teacher, and both her parents are deaf, so she is able to explain the challenges and successes of deaf education from different perspectives.

This story has many facets—through the account of one woman's life it shows the hardships and triumphs of immigration, the importance of education, the unique aspects of deaf culture, the joy of family, and, most poignantly, the beauty of a loving relationship between mother and daughter. The photos give a picture of the history of the West, and detailed remembrances create a connection with the people.

This book is more notable for the memories of childhood in Alberta that most readers will relate to—warming feet by the stove after ice skating, picking berries in summer—whether our mothers used sign language or spoken words to call us in for supper. (Spotted Cow Press, www.spottedcowpress.ca)



A Hard Witching

Jacqueline Baker, '01 MA
Reading the stories in *A Hard Witching* it's easy to get lost in the world drawn by Baker and to recognize threads of common

experience with family, home, and the prairies. The extensive list of awards the book has received—Danuta Gleed, Howard O'Hagan Award for Short Fiction (Alberta Book Awards), *Maclean's* Top 10 Books of 2003—proves that this powerful collection has had an impact on many readers. (Harper Perennial Canada, www.harpercanada.com)



100 Canadian Heroines

Merna Forster, '76 BA
This book profiles women in the fields of science, sport, teaching, politics, arts, and entertainment, among others.

The fascinating women discussed include Gudridur the Viking, Arctic guide Tookoolito, actress Mary Pickford, and Mi'kmaq activist Anna Mae Aquash. The release of this book coincides with the 75th anniversary of the October 1929 Persons Case. (Dundurn Group, www.dundurn.com)



A Taste for Paprika

Laura Elise Taylor, '00 MA
In this book of creative non-fiction, Taylor explores love, war, immigration, grief, and food. This story is about a grandmother, a mother, and a daughter—three generations of feisty women—and the foods and feelings they associate with home. (Shoreline Press, www.shorelinepress.ca)



Creation

Katherine Govier, '70 BA
Govier's seventh novel, *Creation*, is an account of bird artist John James Audubon's travels in June 1833 up the wild Labrador coast. Searching for the nesting sites of the great seabirds, Audubon encounters a Royal Navy captain who is charting the coast. The book's jacket copy notes that the captain "becomes the artist's judge, and the unlikely recipient of his carefully guarded secrets." (Vintage Canada, www.randomhouse.ca)

Knucklehead and Other Stories



W. Mark Giles, '84 BA
A collection of 17 stories, *Knucklehead and Other Stories* presents characters that appear at once familiar and surprising, even at times shocking, as they

navigate the complexities of adult relationships. Marked by penetrating descriptions of people and events, the stories offer a slice of life that isn't always what it appears at first glance. This book received the W.O. Mitchell City of Calgary Book Award. (Anvil Press, www.anvilpress.com)

In celebration of the city's centennial, three new books about Edmonton's history have been released.

Edmonton: In Our Own Words

Linda Goyette & Carolina Jakeway Roemmich, '01 BA



Through archival research and personal interviews, Goyette and Roemmich collected the stories of Edmonton's citizens and compiled them into an

interesting account of the history of the city. Through the accounts, citizens with diverse viewpoints speak for themselves, describing important events in Edmonton's social, political, and economic development. (U of A Press, www.uap.ualberta.ca)

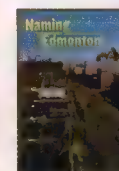
Kidmonton: True Stories of River City Kids



Linda Goyette

A companion project to *Edmonton: In Our Own Words*, *Kidmonton* is a chapter book written and illustrated for eight- and

nine-year-olds to tell the story of Edmonton's history from the point of view of children who have lived in Edmonton over time. (Brindle & Glass Publishing, brindleandglass.com)



Naming Edmonton: From Ada to Zoie

A subcommittee of the Edmonton Historical Board worked for 10 years to compile the ori-

gins of nearly 1,500 named streets, avenues, neighbourhoods, and parks. The result is a fascinating insight into the personalities and events that shaped Edmonton. Archival photos of the city's early days and citizens, a historical timeline, a list of names no longer used, and a map of lost waterways round out this comprehensive picture of Edmonton. (U of A Press, www.uap.ualberta.ca)

classnotes

'40s

'47 Desmond Watt, BSc(Ag), of Naperville, Illinois, turned 80 on August 25. "I'm still kickin'!"

'50s

'50 Harvey Buckmaster, BSc, of Victoria, was inducted as a member of the Order of the U of Calgary on 10 June. His citation read: "Dr. Harvey Buckmaster began his career as a professional research physicist at the U of Calgary and became an integral part of the university's early development and its drive for excellence. He published widely, and combined outstanding scholarship with extensive service to his profession, to the university and also to the wider community. His record and service is widely recognized as having brought great honour to the university." Harvey was a faculty member of the U of Calgary physics department from 1957 to 1960.

'56 Richard Haskayne, BCom, '96 LLD (Honorary), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of trustees of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research.

'60s

'62 Jim Thorsell, BSc, of Banff, Alberta, recently wrapped up 20 years on staff of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) based in Gland, Switzerland. As a senior advisor to UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, Jim conducted missions to more than 600 national parks and nature reserves in 100 countries. He continues his involvement as a part-time consultant on

World Heritage sites to both IUCN and UNESCO.

'66 William Robertson, BCom, of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Endeavour Energy Inc. and as chair of the Endeavour Audit Committee. Endeavour Energy is a crude oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production company.

'67 Karl Ewoniak, BA, of Edmonton, was recently appointed a member of the Alberta Securities Commission. Karl has been a chartered accountant since 1972 and is currently president and owner of Garner Management Consulting and Business Brokerage.

Jonathan Broadberry, BA, recently retired after 35 years of teaching, 30 of which were spent in Kamloops, B.C. Jon is looking forward to travelling, working in the developing world, and taking on active roles in Freemasonry. Jon is proud of the U of A and his family of alumni—his father, **Walter Hugh Broadberry**, '49 BA, and daughter, **Ann Broadberry**, '04 BA, are both U of A grads.

'68 D. Lorne Tyrrell, MD, '64 BSc, of Edmonton, was recently awarded the 2004 F.N.G. Starr Award from the Canadian Medical Association (CMA). This award recognizes Lorne's outstanding achievements in science, research, and the improvement of medical services in Canada. Named for Frederic Newton Gisborne Starr, the award is the highest honour that the CMA can bestow upon one of its members.



Elizabeth Mowat, '72 BSc, '73 Dip(Ed), '92 MEd, notes that with the graduation of her daughter **Mary Kupchenko**, '04 BA, her family now has four generations of alumnae from the University of Alberta.

Elizabeth's grandmother, **Edna Oestreich (Tharp)**, '19 BA, '57 BEd, set a high standard when she attended the U of A. She was very active in student life, playing on the University's championship women's senior basketball team in 1917-18 and serving as literary society representative on Students' Council in her graduation year. After many years of teaching, she returned to the University of Alberta to receive a bachelor of education.

Edna's daughter **Mary Mowat (Oestreich)**, '46 BA/BEd, carried on her mother's tradition of involvement in varsity life. Studying at the University during and after WWII, she was vice-president of the Pembina House Committee, vice-president of the co-ed club, and president of the Education Undergraduate Society.

Elizabeth was proud to attend the university both her mother and grandmother had graduated from. After receiving a BSc and an after-degree in Education, she taught for Edmonton Public Schools. Her sister, **Catherine Mowat**, '73 BSc, also carried on the family's association with the U of A.

Pictured from top to bottom: Edna Oestreich (Tharp), Mary Mowat (Oestreich), Elizabeth Mowat, and Mary Kupchenko

'69 Coleen Dean, BSc, is enjoying life back in Toronto, after spending three years travelling to work in New Jersey and Puerto Rico.

Kurt Jensen, BA, '71 MA, '72 BLS, of Ottawa, wanted to share the news that he has finally completed his PhD in history at Carleton U, "which I had hoped to begin in the 1970s before financial realities intervened, and I joined the Canadian Foreign Service, where I am still working."

'70s

'70 Gary Nordin, BSc, of Vancouver, was recently appointed director of Bishop Resources Inc., a junior precious metals exploration company.

'72 Ruth Collins-Nakai, MD, '98 MBA, of Edmonton, was recently elected president-elect of the Canadian Medical Association for the coming year. Ruth has served in many academic positions at the U of A, including professor of pediatrics and associate dean of medicine.

'73 Micky Wylie (Profeta), MA, who also earned a master's degree in library science from the U of Toronto, has been providing consulting and freelance library services to private law firms in Toronto for the past 25 years. With husband, Bill, Micky founded Wylie Mycological Ltd., which manufactures specialty mushroom grow-blocks—garden mushroom kits. The Wylies recently moved to Queen's Quay in Toronto and are enjoying the lakeside life after raising Andrew and Seau in North Toronto.

Dieter Lemke, '64 MD, received the U of A Medical Alumni Association's Distinguished Medical Alumni Award on 1 October at the MAA annual awards dinner. Dieter spent most of his career working as a medical missionary in Africa, and his work has contributed to the health of that continent, particularly in Cameroon. Dieter has treated over 50,000 cases of malaria and hundreds of cases of leprosy. He has switched the focus from curative medical practice to

prevention and this change in focus came about as the number of patients with AIDS markedly increased during his time in Cameroon. He says a career highlight was in 1999 when he travelled alone on a motorcycle through Cameroon, visiting more than 200 villages in seven weeks and educating more than 40,000 students in AIDS prevention. His experiences are outlined in his book *Man No Be God: Bushdoctor in Cameroon*, published by Writers Club Press.



Chiu/Agostinis

William Dickout, BMed, '75 MD, of Edmonton, was recently appointed medical director for the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Robin McLeod, BMed, '75 MD, of Toronto, received the Canadian Medical Association's 2004 May Cohen Award for Women Mentors in August for her outstanding mentoring abilities.

'74 Rick Radulski, BCom, is the founder and executive vice-president of Greyhawke Resources, an energy company headquartered in Calgary. Before Greyhawke, Rick was the president and founder of MYexecutive Inc., an executive consulting firm. In June 2004, Rick was recognized as Alberta Mentor of the Year by the Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth. Rick's son, Chris, will graduate from the U of Calgary in 2005. Rick and his wife of 32 years, Shirley, spend their winters in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Virender Krishna, LLB, '69 MBA, a professor of law at the U of Ottawa, was recently honoured by the Law Society of Upper Canada, which

presented him with an honorary doctor of laws degree in July 2004.

'76 Clifford Rainey, BSc, of Oakville, Ontario, was recently appointed president of Vonage Canada, where he will oversee the development, execution, and expansion of Vonage's Canadian service offerings.

Donald Sieben, BCom, '94 Pstgrd Dip, of Edmonton, was recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the U of A for a three-year term effective July 2004. He was also re-appointed as a member of the Edmonton Police Commission for the 2005 calendar year.

'78 Don Parker, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed president and CEO of Loumic Exploration Inc.

Gregory Shyba, LLB, of Calgary, was recently appointed executive director of the Alberta Ingenuity Centre for Water Research.

Wayne Symington, BSc(Eng), of Burlington, Ontario, was recently appointed vice-president and

general manager, operations, of ATCO Power.

Robert Wilson, BCom, of Edmonton, was recently appointed chief executive officer of Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP.

'79 Settimio Policicchio, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president, engineering and construction, at ATCO Electric.

'80 Frances Alty-Arscott, BFA, of Edmonton, recently had her art featured in the August/September edition of *International Artist Magazine*. Since graduating from the U of A, Frances has worked hard to create a successful career. Her work shows in 10 galleries across Alberta, and she teaches extensively in both adult and children's education. She looks forward to hearing from classmates and other alumni she has lost contact with over the years. You can see her work at www.compumart.ab.ca/narscott/index.htm.

Glen Armstrong, PhD, recently became head of the microbiology

and infectious diseases department at the U of Calgary after 20 years as a professor of medical microbiology at the U of A. His wife, Diane, is a writer, webmaster, and president of Vashti Communications. Their son, **Geoffrey Armstrong**, '99 BSc, recently completed his PhD in physical chemistry from the U of California, Irvine, and is now a post-doctoral fellow at the U of Colorado. Geoffrey and his wife, Melissa, are expecting their first child in March. Glen's daughter, Meghan, was recently married and has started an insurance underwriting course after devoting most of her life to dance and musical theatre.

'81 George Andrews, BA, of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president, external relations, of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

Stanford Blade, BSc, and his wife, Linda, have returned to West Africa. "Of course, it is much more interesting to have Daniel, aged six, and Savanna, aged five, along for the experience." Stan recently joined the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) as deputy-director general (research). Stan and his family are based in Ibadan, Nigeria. IITA is an award-winning international research organization dedicated to the enhancement of food security and income of resource-poor people in Africa. Stan served on the U of A Senate from 1998 to 2004.

James McElgunn, BA, was recently appointed senior editor of *Profit*, a national business magazine for CEOs of small and mid-sized entrepreneurial companies.

Walter Pavlic, BCom, '85 LLB, of Edmonton, was recently appointed president of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Bar Association for the 2004-2005 term.

'82 Amanda Le Rougetel, BA, is working on her master's degree in applied communication through Royal Roads U, a distance learning institution based in Victoria. Amanda is having a great time remembering "how to be a student" and the learning process at a graduate level. She continues to live in Winnipeg and can be reached at amval@mts.net.

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June Anonson, '84 BSc(Nu), '90 MEd, '02 PhD, is the dean of health sciences and social services at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, B.C. June, who has worked in the health care field for almost 30 years, is a strong advocate for nursing. She is the co-chair for the Health Science Deans and Directors of British Columbia, a group that is help-



ing to shape the future of health care in B.C., and she is the chair of the B.C. Tri-Coalition. June is also the founder and owner of Achieving Synergy, a company involved with motivational speaking, conflict resolution seminars, and life skills workshops. Recently, June was named one of the recipients of the Nurse Mentor/Preceptor of the Year award for Prince George.

'83 Dale Belsher, BCom, was recently appointed president of the Olds Grizzlys in the Alberta Junior "A" Hockey League. Dale resides in Olds, and operates three farm machinery dealerships in the Calgary area.

Brenda Leong, BCom, of Vancouver, was recently appointed executive director of the British Columbia Securities Commission.

'84 Paul Wood, LLB, of Edmonton, recently became president-elect of

the Association for Continuing Legal Education at its annual meeting in Denver. After one year, Paul will become president of the association, which is devoted to improving the performance of continuing legal education professionals with members from around the world.

'85 Ian Glassford, BCom, of Edmonton, was recently appointed chief financial officer of Capital City Savings.

Shirley Hensch (Lawrenuk), BCom, '87 MSc, '91 PhD, of Stoughton, Wisconsin, recently accepted a position as instructional designer for the U of Wisconsin Colleges Online Associate Degree Program. Shirley, who has been teaching all her classes through the UW Colleges online program for the past three years, will be responsible for the design and maintenance of all the course sites associated with the program.

'86 Margo Bok, BCom, of Victoria, received her MBA from the U of Victoria in 1996. Recently, she founded two non-profit organizations: the Canadian Association of Professionals with Disabilities and the British Columbia Association of Professionals with Disabilities. Both support all professionals regardless of their employment status, profession, or specialty. For details visit www.canadianprofessionals.org or www.bcprofessionals.org.

Jeff Baker, BCom, of Edmonton, recently became a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers.



Anisul Islam, '85 PhD, a professor of economics at the U of Houston-Downtown, was recently awarded the university's prestigious 2004 Teaching Excellence Award for his distinguished record of excellence in teaching and innovative classroom instruction.



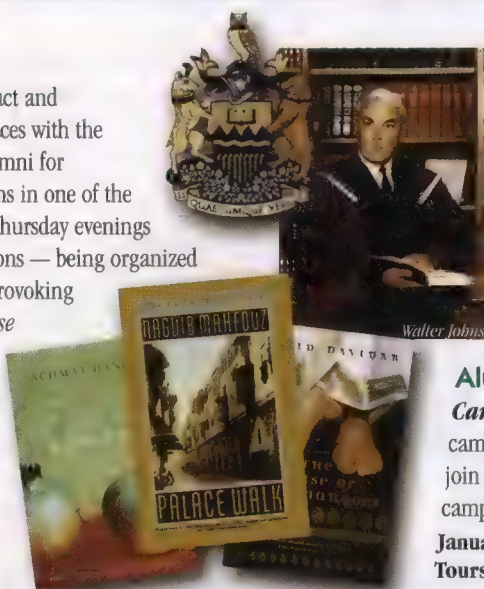
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E-mail: bill.samuel@ualberta.ca
(780) 492-3169

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We are seeking nominations from students and departments in the Faculty of Science for this annual award for individuals with outstanding qualities in undergraduate teaching.

Deadline:
January 21, 2005

For details of eligibility and conditions, please contact:

Dr. W. J. Page
Associate Dean
E-mail: bill.page@ualberta.ca
(780) 492-9452

Patrick Kewin, BA, of Campbellville, Ontario, was recently appointed director of Trend Micro Inc.

'87 Mark McCourt, BA, '90 LLB, of Edmonton, was recently recognized by *Alberta Venture* magazine as one of "Alberta's 50 Most Influential People for 2004" after leading the battle against the Alberta government's auto insurance reforms.

'88 Kathleen Ryan, BA, '91 LLB, of Edmonton, recently joined the partnership of Davis & Company.

Scott Smith, BSc, recently accepted a position as senior mine geologist with Newmont Mining Corporation at its Yanacocha Mine near Cajamarca, Peru. "Looking forward to the move along with my wife, Leslie, and our 13-month-old son, Matthew."

'90 Kevin Yaremchuk, BCom, resigned from IBM after 14 years to assume the position of vice-president in Honeywell International's intellectual property division. Kevin, his wife, **Delicia Yaremchuk (Brokop)**, '89 BA, and their two boys (ages 4 and 18 months) are

excited about moving to the warmer Phoenix climate, but sad to leave behind friends and colleagues in the Connecticut/New York area. Kevin completed an executive master's degree in science from the U of Texas at Austin in 2001, and he writes that this along with his U of A degree "have proven very valuable in his career development."

'91 Nancy Partlow, MBA, '89 BA, of Calgary, and her husband, James Levy, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Catherine, born September 2003. "Taylor joins her big brother, Andy, who is now eight." Nancy works in marketing at Telus and enjoys weight training and competing in triathlons.

John Sillery, BSc (MedLabSci), of Spokane, received his MD from the U of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences at its commencement ceremonies in May 2004.

'92 Sandi Dong (Mah), BEd, and her family now live in Washington State. "Texas was fun, but we love the cooler weather and being closer to Canada."

Karen Klute (Rasku), BEd, of Edmonton, is working as a substitute teacher for Edmonton Public Schools.

Dhooleka Raj (Sarhadi), BA, recently moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where she joined Yale U's South Asian Studies Council as an associate chair. "Am enjoying being back in the classroom, teaching an anthropology course on the South Asian Diaspora." Dhooleka's first book, *Where Are You From? Middle Class Migrants in the Modern World*, was published by the U of California Press. "On reflection, some themes I explore, no doubt germinated in coursework and earlier discussions from my undergraduate years at the U of A." Dhooleka was expecting her first child in November.

Bryce Tingle, LLB, of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of WebTech Wireless Inc.

'94 Ian Dundas, LLB, of Calgary, was recently appointed senior vice-president, business development, of the Enerplus Resources Fund.



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Winston Pei, '94 BA, '02 MA, and **Jacqueline Pei (Knowles)**, '93 BA, '99 MEd, '03 PhD, had such fond memories of "doing coffee" on Whyte Ave as students that they decided to become part-owners of Café Dabar, an internet café located between 108th and 109th streets on Whyte. "We've set as our goal to provide a more civilized place to surf," says Winston. "So rather than being a glorified computer lab with an espresso machine thrown in, we wanted a cozy, relaxing place where people could meet for coffee and conversation, and happen to be able to check their e-mail as well ... the kind of place where we would've loved to hang out when we were students."

Winston invites all alum, especially his old coffee buddies, to visit him at Café Dabar, where he can usually be found behind the espresso machine on Thursday nights. Winston, the former Alumni Services Coordinator at the U of A, adds, "There is, of course, a discount if you show your Alumni ONEcard when you come in!"

Besides their involvement in Café Dabar, Winston and Jacqueline share their "first career" as parents of three children, ages two, four, and six. Jacqueline works in private practice as a chartered psychologist, while Winston continues to work part-time for the U of A in the External Relations area.



'95 Leslie Driver-Rowe, BSc, and **Devon Rowe**, '98 MSc, welcomed daughter, Avery, in December 2003. Leslie and Devon live in Vancouver, Washington, where Leslie is a geologist for Landau Associates in Portland and Devon works from home as a geochemist for Environ Corporation. Classmates can contact them at devonandleslie@yahoo.com.

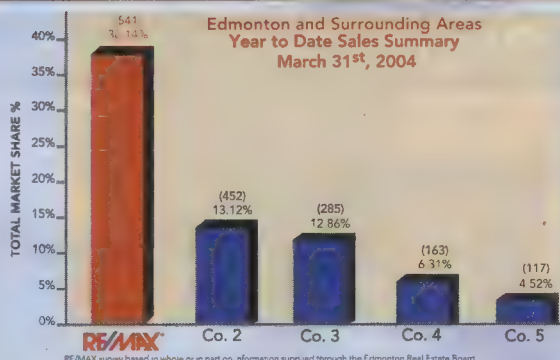
Steve O'Brien, MA, recently published the book version of his PhD thesis for the U of Maine through Lulu Press in North Carolina. *The Canadian Football League: The Phoenix of Professional Sports Leagues* is available through Amazon, Chapters, and Indigo. For details visit www.lulu.com/sobrien.

Scott Sawatsky, BA, recently completed an after-degree in business from the U of Lethbridge. Scott is running for MLA for the Alberta Social Credit Party in the November provincial election. He is still with Canadian Linen & Uniform Service, and last year was awarded the Golden Eagle for sales results. Scott, his wife, Stephanie, and their two children live in Lethbridge.

'96 Paul Goguen, MBA, of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president, transmission, for ATCO Electric.

'97 Peter Jancewicz, PhD, has composed a recital suite for piano students, *Sketches of Canada*, published by Alfred Publishing, which includes four contrasting pieces inspired by various areas of Canada. His new CD, *Oh Evergreens*, contains music composed and played by him in collaboration with poetry written and performed by Ely van Mourik. It is scheduled for release in fall 2004. Recently, Peter

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Following separate paths, University of Alberta alumni **Joe Will**, '68 BSc, and **L. Kendall Mix**, '87 BSc, have each uncorked a passion for the centuries-old pursuit of winemaking. Mix is a winemaker in Washington state, while Will has his own winery in Ontario.

“I studied microbiology in my undergraduate days and spent a summer working for the Strathcona Brewing Company, figuring it would lead to a career as a brew master,” says Mix.

Instead Mix discovered he had an interest in winemaking during graduate studies in enology (the study of wines) and viticulture (the cultivation of grapevines) at the University of California at Davis. When he completed his first internship with Robert Mondavi, he was hooked by the unlimited combinations present in winemaking.

“Wines are never the same,” he explains. “You take what you have done in the past, use it, and modify it for the future. There are similarities, but there are enough differences to make it interesting.” The 163-acre Canoe Ridge Vineyard in Walla Walla, Washington, where he now works as a winemaker, produces on average 40,000 cases a year of Merlot, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Syrah.

While Mix didn't know until university that a career in winemaking was possible, fellow science alumnus Joe Will knew from an early age that he was interested in producing wine. While in high school he experimented making wine from chokecherries, and



Winemakers Joe Will (above) and L. Kendall Mix (right); a label from a Canoe Ridge wine.



“I knew by getting involved in the industry I would know fairly quickly if my future was in winemaking,” he recalls. As it turns out, it was.

Will knew that he would need more education in winemaking, so he travelled to Australia to study viticulture at the University of Adelaide. After an internship with the Yalumba Wine Company, he returned to Canada and worked for a small family-run vineyard. After a long location search, he opened the doors to Strewn Winery in the Niagara region of Ontario in 1997.

“We have two vineyard locations,” Will comments. “We have five acres located at the winery, and another 21 acres about five miles away.”

With approximately 1,000 plants an acre, that adds up to a lot of plants to check, but Will believes in getting out to inspect and sample the fruit that will form the basis of his wine. He and his crew make a point of visiting each plant at least four times a year.

as he got older he bought grapes from the Italian Centre in Calgary to turn into intoxicating mixtures.

Still, it took Will a while to turn his interest into his life's work. At the U of A he divided his time between chemistry classes and a growing interest in writing and the news. He was news editor of *The Gateway* and completed a stint as a journalist for *The Canadian Press* before working in corporate communications.

He hadn't forgotten about his passion for winemaking, however, and he eventually left his corporate communications job and headed for Hainle Vineyards in Peachland, B.C.

Mix similarly says he loves the hands-on nature of his job. “I enjoy getting my hands dirty, really being involved with every aspect of wine-making.”

One of the most important jobs, says Mix, is tasting. “You need to be out in the vineyard tasting all the time. I select grapes based on flavour. You can analyze samples, but in the end it simply comes down to how it tastes.”

Both Mix and Will obviously have a taste for success. Many of the wines produced at their respective wineries have won several national and international honours.

—Julie Naylor, '95 BA

Marty Chan, '92 BA, of Edmonton, and his award-winning play, *Mom, Dad, I'm Living with a White Girl*, recently hit the Big Apple. Chan's play had its U.S. premiere, off-Broadway, from 9 October to 7 November at the West End Theatre. On his website, Chan writes, "... for the New York production, I have made some revisions, but the story is unchanged. I played around with some of the scenes and took out some overt Canadiana references."



stepped down as piano coordinator at Mount Royal College Conservatory in Calgary in order to devote more time to composing, performing, and writing. He continues to teach at the conservatory.

'98 Jaspaal Hothl, BSc(MedLabSci), is currently working in a small biotech company located in the Edmonton Research Park. The company's primary drug product—a treatment for brain cancer—is in phase 3 clinical trials. "Best wishes to all new graduates who are now alumni of the U of A!"

'99 Marcie Brulotte Miranda, BA, is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Audrey Hélene Miranda, in August 2004. Audrey was born at the Gleneagles Hospital in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Jason Howg, LLB, is pleased to announce the recent birth of his second son, Maxwell. Jason is an intellectual property lawyer with Borden Ladner Gervais in Calgary.

Rene McKale, BSc(Eng), and his wife, Lacy, recently moved from Houston, Texas, to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, where Rene has taken a position with the national oil company, Dubai Petroleum Co. "Although it's been a little warm, it's starting to cool down ... getting into the high 20s at night!" Rene plays hockey for the Dubai Mighty Camels. "Would be nice to hear from fellow U of A grads ... e-mail me at rsmckale@hotmail.com."

'00 Rent Agerbak, BCom, of Edmonton, was appointed manager of CIBC Commercial Banking, Alberta Region.

David Chorney, MEd, is a professor in the education faculty at the U of Lethbridge.

Susan Sava, BA, was selected to participate in the 2004 Summer Session on Federalism, a two-week study and travel program that takes place in different countries every year. This year, the session took place in Switzerland and Bosnia-Herzegovina. For information on the 2005 session visit www.forumfed.org. From Sarevaio, Susan will go to Grenoble, France, where she will finish her MBA through an official exchange with the U of A.

Dylan Scammell, MBA, '97 BA, after working in Vienna, New York City, and London, England, headed back to school at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where he served as president of the graduate students' union. Dylan is now a business lecturer and works at night as a DJ spinning international music and psychedelic trance. If any alumni plan to visit Dublin, Dylan would like to make his home and cliff walk tour skills open to all to experience. E-mail him at deardylan@yahoo.com.

'02 Gabrielle Katchanoski, BA, is currently enrolled in the BED program at the U of Manitoba. "New developments in my life include motherhood." Her daughter, Eva, was born in July 2003. Gabrielle aspires to be a secondary English and drama teacher.

Allison Lario (Mohn), BEd, of Sexsmith, Alberta, is teaching Grades 5 to 12 at Spirit River. Her husband, David, is completing his master's degree in mechanical engineering.

'03 Kylie Bullick, BSc(Pharm), of Fort McMurray, Alberta, writes to all grads of the pharmacy class of 2003, "Let us know what you are doing and how your first year of being a practising pharmacist has been."



Lorne Cardinal, '93 BFA, plays police officer Davis Quinton on CTV's *Corner Gas*, a comedy series that is being called one of the best Canadian-made sitcoms. Lorne previously appeared as Moses Lefthand on the TV series *Jake and the Kid*, he had a recurring role on the show *North of 60*, and he was the host of the variety-talk show *Buffalo Tracks*. Lorne has also done some film work, including *Insomnia* with Al Pacino. Although busy with *Corner Gas*, Lorne still makes time for his love of the theatre. He recently appeared in the productions *The Art Show* and *Dry Lips*, and he directed a dinner theatre production, *The Journey Continues*, in Brantford, Ontario.

Corner Gas, which was recently nominated for an International Emmy Award in the Best Comedy category, airs Tuesday nights on CTV.

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'27 Mabel Naomi Chappel (Nix), BA, of Ojai, California, in March '04

'29 Grace Aileen Revell, Dip(Nu), '43 Dip(PHNU), of Edmonton, in September '04

Keitha Mae Spragge, Dip(Nu), of Christina Lake, B.C., in August '04

'31 Donald Fay Becker, BA, '33 BSc(Eng), of Banff, Alberta, in August '04

'33 Josephine Frances Gorcak (Kopta), BCom, of Consort, Alberta, in February '04

'35 Margaret Marie Desrosiers (Collins), BA, '36 Dip(Ed), of Coquitlam, B.C., in August '04

'36 James Oliver Anderson, BSc, '39 MD, of Langley, B.C., in August '04

George Robert Castles, BSc, of Lethbridge, Alberta, in May '04

Harland A. Thompson, BSc(Eng), of Kelowna, B.C., in July '04

'37 Eileen Caroline Kalbfleisch, Dip(Pharm), of Calgary, in September '04

'39 Joseph Tindale Madill, BSc(Eng), of Victoria, B.C., in March '04

J.C. Ken Christian K. Madsen, BCom, of Banff, Alberta, in August '04

'41 William Boyd McFetridge, BCom, of Calgary, in August '04

Arthur Patrick Davis, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, in June '04

'42 Roy Rodney Fraser, BA, '48 BEd, of Edmonton, in August '04

Norman Reginald Legge, BSc, '43 MSc, '45 PhD, of Henderson, Nevada, in March '04

'44 Orville Harold Edwardh, MD, of La Habra, California, in February '04

William David Martin, BSc(Eng), of Surrey, B.C., in July '04

'45 Dorothy Frances Bussard (Montgomery), BCom, of Edmonton, in August '04

'47 Eileen Lenore Davis (MacArtney), BEd, of Ottawa, Ontario, in September '04

Carl B. Nyberg, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, in July '04

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Donald Allan Gower, BCom, of Edmonton, in July '04

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Donald Grant Buchanan, BCom, of Calgary, in July '04

Weldon Henry Harriman, BEd, of Delta, B.C., in May '04

William T. Worbets, BEd, '66 MEd, of Edmonton, in September '03

'49 Cecile Lucie Eckenfelder, BA, of Victoria, B.C., in August '04

Calvin Gordon Mitchell, BSc(Ag), of Stony Plain, Alberta, in July '04

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Charles Earl Browning, BSc(Eng), of London, Ontario, in September '04

Trenholme Allan Edwards, BA, '51 LLB, '77 MA, of Jasper, Alberta, in September '04

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Walter Skitsko, BSc(Ag), of Bruderheim, Alberta, in May '04

'52 Morris Harold W. Friedman, BSc, '54 MD, '56 MSc, of Edmonton, in July '04

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'59 Peter Frank Borgen, PhD, of Edmonton, in August '04

Leonard Bauer, BSc (Ag), of Edmonton, in August '04

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Nicholas Kozak, BEd, '69 BEd(Dip), '76 MEd, of Edmonton, in June '04

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'62 Robert Blaine Logan, BA, '70 LLB, of Westlock, Alberta, in September '04

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'63 Harry Michael Kulak, BSc, '67 BEd, of Innisfree, Alberta, in July '04

Norman Van Louie, MD, of Vancouver, B.C., in February '04

'64 Fred James D. Trotter, BSc(Eng), '67 MEng, of Edmonton, in August '04

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'67 Marjorie Jean McPhedran, BEd, of Edmonton, in July '04

Gordon Mclean Young, BA, of Edmonton, in September '04

'68 James Lester Bridge, BEd, of Sherwood Park, Alberta, in September '04

Kenneth Marvin Clausen, BEd, of Calgary, in July '04

Judith Ann Christie (Watkin), BSc, of Nanapsee, Ontario, in April '04

'69 Diana Mary Arnusch (Bue), Dip(Nu), of St. Albert, Alberta, in September '04

Michael William Chernuka, BSc(Eng), of Halifax, Nova Scotia, in September '04

'70 Roger Semple Gay, PhD, of Princeton, New Jersey, in September '04

Jack Wesley Readman, BEd, of Edmonton, in August '04

Brian Keith Tough, BEd, '79 Dip(Ed), of Spruce Grove, Alberta, in September '04

'71 Albert Bredo, Dip(Ed), of Coquitlam, B.C., in July '04

Garrett Michael Prokopczak, BMed, '72 MD, of Vancouver, B.C., in July '04

'72 Elizabeth Louise Broad, BA, '87 BSc(Nu), '92 MNU, of St. Albert, Alberta, in September '04

'73 Kenneth Alvin Skoworodko, BSc(Eng), of Sherwood Park, Alberta, in August '04

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'76 Duncan John Nicoll, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, in July '04

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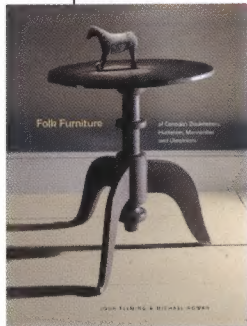
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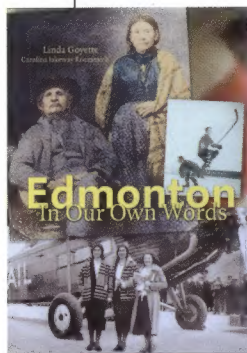
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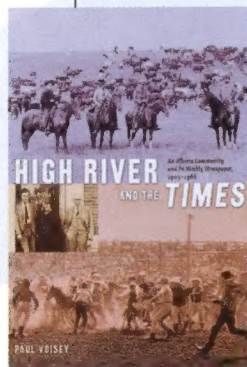


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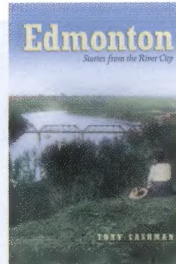
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